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Summit challengers: Rebecca Stephens, aiming to become the first British woman to conquer Everest, at a camp with her sherpa and, right, Harry Taylor, who arrived back home in Britain yesterday after climbing the peak without oxygen

Yeltsin offers new force for Bosnia

By Michael Binyon and James Bone

Russia seized the initiative from the West by proposing that UN troops should seal Bosnia's borders, brushing aside Serb rejection of the peace plan

RUSSIA seized the initiative over Bosnia-Herzegovina yesterday, urging the world to put out the fire in the former Yugoslavia and offering troops to oversee the Vance-Owen peace plan.

Andrei Kozyrev, the foreign minister, said the plan should be imposed immediately — regardless of the result of the Bosnian Serb referendum — and told UN mediators that President Yeltsin wanted "some sort of fire brigade" to deal with the fighting.

There was no need, he said, to wait for the "last fighter" in Bosnia to endorse the plan before it was implemented: some people were interested in war and would never approve it. "We can put out the fire in former Yugoslavia step by step. All members of the international community agree on this," he told Lord Owen and Thorvald Stoltenberg in Moscow.

To that end, Russia, which holds the UN Security Council presidency this month, has called a meeting of all 15 council foreign ministers for Friday when it will campaign for a resolution implementing the plan. Its draft resolution says the monitoring of Bosnia's border with Yugoslavia should be considered only "as a first step".

Russia really wants all of Bosnia's borders to be sealed, but has modified its call in deference to Western nations which fear that such a move would give a decisive advantage to the better-armed Bosnian Serbs. America and the EC are now backing the Russian draft and America is thought to be prepared to send troops to monitor the Yugoslav frontier.

America is, however, still said to be reluctant to send soldiers into Bosnia itself, in spite of a plea from Mr Stoltenberg, who took over as a UN mediator from Cyrus Vance this month. Mr Stoltenberg met Warren Christopher on Thursday and said that while the Secretary of State seemed open to the idea of monitoring the border, America did not appear to be ready to use its forces to protect "safe havens". Belgrade is said to be ready to accept UN monitors, but only if all Bosnian borders are closed.

In presenting Russia's initiative to the UN mediators yesterday, Mr Kozyrev brushed aside the Bosnian Serb plebiscite on the Vance-Owen plan. Two days of voting were completed last night, with a big turnout reported and a massive "no" result predicted. Even before polling finished, Bosnian Serb leaders said that they would be calling for fresh proposals, and Radovan Karadzic said he wanted Mikhail Gorbachev to draw up a new peace plan. The former Soviet president's advisers said they knew nothing of the request.

The search for peace continued yesterday against a backdrop of still more fighting, with Croat forces launching a fierce new offensive against Muslim positions in Mostar even as commanders from both sides were signing a ceasefire at Sarajevo airport. A full-scale artillery and infantry battle was reported in the city centre on the banks of the Neretva river, the front line between the two communities. Fighting was also continuing around the northern town of Brcko, according to a UN spokesman in Sarajevo. He said tension between Muslims and Croats, former allies, were also rising in central Bosnia.

The ceasefire, covering all of the republic, is due to take effect tomorrow. Under the agreement, witnessed and signed by General Philippe Morillon, the UN force commander, prisoners of war will be exchanged by June 1 and all bodies no later than July 1.

The bodies of elderly people, women and children have been found in common grave in a Muslim village near Sarajevo. UN observers, with representatives of Muslim and Croat forces, discovered the grave in Svinjarevo, near the UN headquarters at Kiseljak on Saturday. It was not known how many bodies were buried, the cause of death or who had buried them.

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Denmark poised to say 'Yes' to treaty

From George Brock in Copenhagen

AN OPINION poll released last night on the eve of Denmark's second vote on the Maastricht treaty suggested that few voters are changing their minds and that Danes will back the treaty.

A Gallup poll to appear in today's Copenhagen newspaper *Berlingske Tidende* found 50 per cent of Danes preparing to vote "Yes" in tomorrow's poll — a reverse of last year's rejection of the treaty — 32 per cent ready to say "No" again, 14 per cent undecided and 4 per cent not voting. Gallup's polls have registered very similar figures for the past week. Close to the end of their second Maastricht referendum in a year, Danes are starting to suffer from EC-fatigue.

Bill Cash, the Conservative MP who leads the anti-Maastricht campaigners in the House of Commons, told a "No" campaign meeting here yesterday that the last British general election proved that opinion polls were not to be trusted. To warm applause

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Final assault for the first lady of Everest

By Nicholas Watt

REBECCA Stephens last night braved gale-force winds on Everest as she set out to tackle the mountain's final 3,000 feet in her bid to become the first British woman to reach the summit.

Accompanied by three sherpas, Miss Stephens left the expedition's final camp nearly a week after delaying her first attempt when she provided urgent medical treatment for her fellow mountaineer, Harry Taylor, who nearly died after climbing without oxygen.

Earlier yesterday Mr Taylor, 33, a former SAS soldier, arrived back in Britain bearing the scars of his climb. With frostbite on his toes and nose and a badly sunburnt face, he was taken from Heathrow to the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford, where he was discharged after doctors said that his toes would be saved.

Miss Stephens began her final assault on the peak in the early hours of Sunday morning (6am local time) when she climbed from the expedition's second camp at 23,000ft to the fourth camp at 26,000ft. During the day she rested at the South Col and ate chapatis cooked by her sherpas before setting out at 11.00pm local time.

After six hours climbing, she was last night planning to assess the weather at the South Summit at 27,500ft. Her instructions were to turn back and abandon her ascent for good if the winds were too high. If she succeeds, she would reach the summit at 6am today BST.

The expedition's leader last night praised Miss Stephens' courage and determination. Speaking to *The Times* from the base camp at 17,500ft, Peter Earl said: "We have all been immensely impressed by her resolve. She is not crazy and knows that if the winds are too strong she will have to turn back. Her climbing really has been a superb individual effort."

Miss Stephens had planned to make her final assault on Everest with John Barry, a former warden at the National Mountaineering Centre in Wales. But altitude sickness forced him to pull out on Saturday. Mr Earl said: "No one will be able to say that Becs has been dragged up the mountain by men. We had trained as a team and had never planned for a solo ascent. John was a bit apprehensive at first about her going alone, but she is with very good sherpas."

Last night they were facing a gruelling climb, however. After leaving the South Col they had to tackle ice slopes

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Ministers ready for U-turn to save BR pension rights

By Jill Sherman, Political Correspondent

THE government is expected this week to announce a third policy climbdown in the face of a mounting Conservative backbench rebellion over its bill to privatise Britain's railways.

As ministers issued a warning that the government could not afford any more "banana skins" given its small majority in the Commons, it was disclosed that ministers intend to amend the bill to ensure that pension rights for existing British Rail employees will be protected.

This concession on what is regarded by many as a side issue, may not be enough to ward off a Tory rebellion over a key aspect of the bill, which is supported by the two main opposition parties.

Up to ten Tory MPs are likely to support an amendment drafted by Robert Adley, the MP for Christchurch and an arch critic of rail privatisation, who died last week. The amendment, which will be tabled this week, would enable British Rail to bid in open competition for franchises. Sir Keith Speed, MP for Ashford, a former transport minister, who has taken over Mr Adley's role as chief Tory critic on the bill, claimed last night that there were eight to ten hardline Tories who would back the amendment with a further 20 who could be persuaded on board.

Roger Freeman, the transport minister, insisted yesterday that there would be no question of the government accepting the amendment. He said that the government would be making a concession over pension arrangements for British Rail workers, which would be announced later this week.

In what will be seen as another U-turn on the government's part, after the climbdown on education tests and unit fines, Mr Freeman will reassure MPs that the British Rail pension fund would be protected. Ministers had hinted earlier that part of the £4.25 billion pension fund would be transferred to the Treasury and there had been concern that new employees would not have access to the fund.

Brian Wilson, Labour's rail spokesman, said under the present bill the transport secretary "has unprecedented powers to interfere with the management of the pension fund but does not spell out what he will do."

Mr Freeman said that the bill would be amended to protect pensioners. "We are going to make clear that pensions are safeguarded. I have listened throughout the standing committee to issues that have been raised. The concerns of pensioners will be laid firmly to rest."

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Pressure 'too high' for most Oxford students

By John O'Leary, Education Correspondent

FOUR out of ten students at Oxford University have considered dropping out of their courses, according to a survey which examined the pressures on undergraduates in the light of three recent deaths at the university.

Nine out of ten students reported problems with the volume of work and half were concerned about examination stress. Two-thirds said they were more likely to fall ill during termtime, and significant numbers suffered from insomnia or persistent depression.

The welfare survey, the largest conducted at Oxford, covered 1,300 students at 14 of the university's 36 colleges. The findings were presented to a university committee last week. Welfare officers at other universities have found evidence of increasing stress among students, but there have been few surveys of comparable size.

The students who carried out the research made a series of recommendations to ease the load on undergraduates. But university authorities, who carried out their own enquiry earlier this year, are already facing most of the issues.

Concern about Oxford life came to a head when three students died between last October and January. Tracey Cole hanged herself at Lady Margaret Hall just eight days after arriving to study English; Henry Skelton, a fine arts student, plunged to his death after downing LSD with champagne; and Pamela Wray, a final year student, hanged herself days before the start of her last term.

A university spokeswoman said the survey's methods were questionable, but its findings were in line with the conclusions reached by the university in January. The official report found there had been 21 suicides and 254 attempted suicides at Oxford in 14 years.

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Lilley keeps up drive to push retirement age of women to 65

■ The same pension age for men and women may make economic sense but is expected to upset younger female voters

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

PETER Lilley, social security secretary, is to press the cabinet for an autumn announcement that the pension age for women is to be raised to 65.

Mr Lilley, backed by Norman Lamont, Chancellor of the Exchequer, Michael Portillo, Treasury chief secretary, and several other senior cabinet ministers, is determined to end suggestions that the government has got cold feet over the plan because of a feared backlash among younger women Tory voters.

Mr Lilley plans to bring out a white paper in October or November foreshadowing comprehensive pensions legislation in the parliamentary session starting in the autumn of next year. At the same time, he hopes to announce that the government is going ahead with its intention to equalise the retirement age for men and women at 65. Ministers believe that, on grounds of cost, population trends and the state of the labour market, any other choice on retirement age would be illogical.

Mr Lilley would have preferred the controversial pension age legislation to have gone ahead in the next session of Parliament, several years before a general election is due. He was reconciled, before last Thursday's cabinet meeting, to the legislation being delayed until next year to enable it to be included with other, more popular, pension measures. The government's desire to avoid too much contentious legislation next session after recent electoral setbacks was also a factor.

A common age of 65 would eventually save the state £4 billion a year, but ministers believe that the plan would have to be phased over several years to be acceptable to millions of Conservative-voting women. Ministers expect Labour to oppose the change, but consider it highly unlikely that the Opposition will commit itself to repealing the measure, knowing that it would have to find the revenue elsewhere.

If Mr Lilley secures cabinet agreement, the change will be part of a bill implementing the tighter regulation of the pension industry that is expected to be recommended by Professor Roy Goode in a report ordered after the Robert Maxwell scandal, and also making technical changes on rules governing contracting-out of the State-Earnings Related Pension Scheme and implementing the Barber judgment of the European Court of Justice, which is leading to the equalisation at 65 of the age for occupational pensions.

Although state pensions were excluded from the Barber judgment, the government is keen to bring treatment of state and occupational pensions into line.

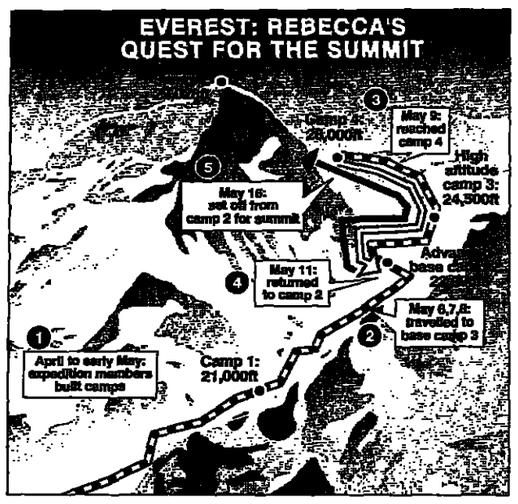
The government has committed itself to the principle of a common age. Senior ministers say that the case for 65 is unanswerable, and that the state scheme will face serious difficulties in the next few years because the number entitled to pensions under current rules will rise rapidly.

Ministers say that other countries, such as the United States, are moving towards higher pension ages. If the government chose 60, it would cost £5 billion a year; a common retirement age of 63 would make no difference.

JULIAN HERBERT



Victory smile: Harry Taylor back home yesterday in Radley, Oxfordshire, with his girlfriend, Veruschka Hoffman



Everest bid threatened

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and gulleys. If they decided to push on they would have to negotiate the Hillary Step — a 60ft rock and ice face. Later they face a knife-edge snow ridge, where climbers have plunged to their deaths.

An expedition doctor, Dr Andy Peacock, a consultant in respiratory medicine at Glasgow's Western Infirmary, said last night that Miss Stephens would have been weakened by spending so much time at high altitude. "She has been above 6,000 metres for over two weeks. That puts a tremendous strain on climbers."

Dr Peacock, who returned to Britain yesterday, said that Mr Taylor came within an hour of dying last Monday after struggling to reach the fourth camp on his descent. "After spending 36 hours above 8,000 metres without oxygen, he had cerebral and pulmonary oedema, or fluid on the brain and lungs."

Mr Taylor said yesterday of his ordeal: "I couldn't see, I staggered around and fell into a crevasse and lost my crampons. I fell 100ft or so on to some ice. At that point I was concerned about my welfare."

The climbers are part of the DHL 40th anniversary expedition, following the route of Sir Edmund Hillary and Sherpa Tenzing in 1953. It aims to raise £1 million for the Himalayan Trust.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Warning given on Aids 'epidemic'

The impact of government spending cuts on the fight against Aids and complacency over the risk could make an epidemic among heterosexuals more likely, Professor Nicholas Day, head of the Institute of Public Health at Cambridge University, said yesterday.

Speaking on BBC Radio 4's *World This Weekend*, he said an unpublished report he prepared for the Public Health Laboratory, which had been expected to revise official predictions of heterosexual victims downwards, had been misrepresented. "It isn't true that the number of people infected heterosexually in this country is minimal. It is several thousand, three or three and a half times the number infected by drug taking," he said. Virginia Bottomley, health secretary, defended spending cuts and said the Aids campaign should now be aimed at "groups most at risk".

Horse cautions issued

Hampshire police have formally cautioned two men who had been arrested in connection with the attacks on horses throughout the county. The men — one aged 45, from Alton, the other aged 18, from Winchester — were arrested separately in February, and questioned about several of the incidents involving horses and cows.

A third man, who was arrested in Sussex in connection with about 30 incidents, including the death of a mare, has been questioned and released.

BR faces rabbit claims

British Rail is facing claims for damages from hundreds of farmers who say that a booming rabbit population on railway embankments is causing extensive crop damage. The farmers' hopes rose when BR agreed to pay £6,100 to Major Michael Smallwood, who farms at Honeybourne, Hereford and Worcester, for damage allegedly caused in 1990-91. BR contested the claim but paid the money into court, avoiding a judgment that might have set a precedent. Rabbit populations have increased sharply in recent years.

Mastermind champion



A 24-year-old historian from Hampshire, became the youngest BBC *Mastermind* champion last night when he won the title by one point. Gavin Fuller, right, a fan of the *Dr Who* television series, scored 32 in the final in London. He chose The Crusades 1095-1154 as his specialist subject, having answered questions on the television time lord in round one. "It came as a great surprise to win," he said.

Crossbow victim

A robber shot a petrol station manager in the chest with a crossbow after threatening to kill her if she did not hand over the takings. June Mills was grazed and bruised by the bolt, which police think was fired by accident with reduced power when the string snapped, on Saturday. The man fled the station, in Derby, when she refused to open the till.

Cancer battle success

A new treatment for myeloma, a usually fatal cancer diagnosed in 3,000 Britons every year, is showing promising results. The average life expectancy after diagnosis is two to three years but a Cancer Research Campaign team in Surrey has shown that injections of an anti-viral compound can help to extend remission after a bone-marrow transplant.

Freighter crew airlifted

A Royal Navy helicopter rescued 10 crewmen from a stricken banana freighter yesterday after the 3,500-tonne Cuban vessel, *Gran Piedra*, threatened to drift aground near St Agnes on the Isles of Scilly. The captain dropped both anchors in an effort to halt the drift and 13 crew stayed on board last night to help control the vessel.

Smith sets out on stormy route to electoral reform

BY JILL SHERMAN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Smith faces a stormy meeting of the Labour party national executive on Wednesday as he sets out his plans for reforming the system for electing MPs.

Mr Smith is expected to back the Plant commission's decision to drop the first past the post system in the Commons as a sign that he is committed to constitutional reform. But he is planning to tell the NEC that any change would have to be endorsed by a national referendum after the next general election.

He is said to favour the supplementary vote, a limited form of proportional representation (PR) that will be recommended by the Plant report when it is published this week. However many of those in favour of PR feel the supplementary vote, which allows preferential voting, does not go far enough. Those favouring the status quo, such as Margaret Beckett, the deputy leader, are expected to back a referendum as their last chance to keep the present system.

PR enthusiasts such as Robin Cook, the shadow trade and industry secretary, hope to unite both sides of the party by calling on the NEC to put the Plant report out for consultation with three options: retaining the status quo, adopting the supplementary vote or moving to an additional-member system where a proportion of MPs are elected on a constituency basis but are topped up by a regional list. "I will be proposing that we should put Plant out for consultation and leave three options open for debate," Mr Cook said last night.

He gave a warning that there would be little enthusiasm for change within the NEC as it was always one step behind the rest of the party. "Three years ago they did not want Plant to consider Westminster at all but they were overturned by conference."

Mr Cook argued that the supplementary vote would not be enough to secure Labour support in the South, where it has only two seats. The supplementary vote rewarded the centre party and could be as damaging for Labour as the Tories, he said.

Mr Cook, Lord Plant and PR campaigners support a version of the additional-member system, which is a bigger step towards PR. They argue that if an option paper was sent out with the report, reformers would have another opportunity to get their preferred system.

Mr Smith, who has never been enthusiastic about PR, may agree to allowing an option paper while making it clear that he would like some, but minimal, change. However he will face opposition from some members of the NEC over his proposal for a referendum.

Mr Cook later discounted a poll which showed that the vast majority of trade union members wanted to keep the link with the Labour party. The MORI poll of 2,000 members of the four largest trade unions found two thirds favoured keeping the links.



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Hoaxers lay claim to royal tapes

BY ALAN HAMILTON

THE authenticity of the alleged conversation between the Prince and Princess of Wales that so excited MPs and tabloid newspapers last week was in serious doubt yesterday.

As Buckingham Palace continued to pour cold water on its veracity, a Fleet Street hoaxer called Joe Flynn was being credited in some quarters as the author of the transcript.

Not to be outdone, another prankster well known to tabloid newspapers rang *The Times* yesterday to claim authorship of the conversation, saying it was an elaborate hoax perpetrated by himself and two accomplices.

Rocky Ryan — whose recent successes have included the placing of an entirely fictitious story about the Queen summoning Princess Michael of Kent to Buckingham Palace for a dressing-down — told *The Times* that he had written the conversation and had drawn on the books of the intelligence author Chapman Pincher to add veracity to a transcript handed over to *The People* newspaper.

"I made it all up," Mr Ryan said yesterday. "I tried to make it look good for Charles, because I think she is nagging him."

However, Mr Ryan was unable to furnish any concrete proof of his hoax, or to give the identity of his male and female accomplice, leaving the suspicion that he may simply have climbed on the bandwagon.

James Whitaker of the *Daily Mirror*, whose forthcoming book contains the transcript, yesterday reiterated his belief that the transcript was genuine. "I admit that the first conversation was given to me by *The People*, but it was examined by GCHQ at Cheltenham, who were convinced of its authenticity. My second transcript, of a conversation between the princess and a girl friend, I know to be from a different and wholly reliable source," he said.

Bridget Rowe, editor of *The People*, which first claimed the existence of a bugged dialogue, defended the story with equal vigour. One of the paper's reporters had obtained it from a reliable source known for many years, she said.

☐ The Prince of Wales arrives in Poland on a four-day official visit today, bearing with him a new British export.

Accompanying him will be a group of businessmen ready to instruct the Poles in how to deal with industrial decline, youth unemployment and the privatisation of the coal industry.

The visit is the third of its kind to Eastern Europe by the prince and his Business Leaders' Forum.

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from a small audience of "No" voters he said that resistance to Maastricht would continue in Britain irrespective of tomorrow's result. "We are going to continue our fight and we are not going to let you down," he said.

Mr Cash said that EC leaders had used lies, disinformation and fraud to hide the truth of the Maastricht treaty's recipe for a united federal Europe from voters. Denmark and Britain, he said, had no reason to fear the collapse of the Maastricht treaty since the EC's single market would continue and no state could be forced out of the EC against its will. EC leaders were weighed down by the "intellectual baggage of the 1950s" and were clinging for reasons of pride to "old solutions to new problems".

Poul Nyrup Rasmussen, the prime minister, predicting a clear "Yes", said the vote was Denmark's most important choice since joining Nato after the second world war.

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Euro-sceptics are hated, Heath says

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

SIR Edward Heath yesterday bitterly attacked the Conservative Euro-sceptics, claiming they would be hated for the rest of their political lives.

As the Euro-sceptics continued to campaign for a "No" vote for tomorrow's Danish referendum on the Maastricht treaty, ministers said that if the Danes again rejected the treaty, huge difficulties would be presented both for the European Community and the British government.

Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, said on BBC television yesterday that he was confident of a "Yes" result but claimed that a "No" would have "a fairly devastating" effect. Interviewed by David Frost, Mr Clarke said: "I do not expect it to happen. But if it did it would change the situation completely and send shocks all through Western Europe."

In that event, his optimism that a "fairly dreadful year" was getting better would be a little dented, Mr Clarke said. "A Danish 'No' vote would require a tremendous rethink of European policy. But I do not think it is going to happen despite all the efforts of Lord Tebbit who is enjoying making mischief there."

Sir Edward argued that the Euro-sceptics had been a crucial factor in the government defeats at Newbury and in the county council elections.

"People are furious at this small band of sceptics holding everything up month after month," he said. "These people are going to be hated for the rest of their political lives. Think what they have done to our party."

Speaking on BBC Radio 4's *The World This Weekend* programme, the former prime minister said: "I deplore the fact that our European sceptics behaved as they did."

The rebels had fought last year's election on the treaty, he said. "None of them said they were opposed to it and therefore were not standing as Conservative candidates." Since the second reading, when the Tories had a very large majority, the rebels had been trying to sabotage government business. "That is deplorable," Sir Edward said.

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GP wins crossword contest

THE Glasgow final of *The Times* crossword championship, held in association with Knockando Pure Single Malt Scotch Whisky, was won yesterday by Dr Alastair Sutherland, 57, a general practitioner in Paisley, who lives in Newton Mearns, Strathclyde (John Grant writes).

He completed the four puzzles in an average time of nine minutes each. Second in a close contest was John Henderson, 29, from London, a psychology lecturer at City of Westminster College. His average time was ten minutes.

Both men go forward to the national final in London on September 12. Third place went to Michael Wareham, 51, the headmaster of New Park School, St Andrews, a former national champion. His time was 10½ minutes.

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Body found near Scottish reservoir

Murder hunt starts after gunman is injured in shoot-out

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

A MAN injured in a shoot-out with police was in hospital with chest wounds last night while detectives pieced together the events of a night of violence in central Scotland that left one man dead and three policemen injured.

The investigation became a murder enquiry after the discovery of a body near a reservoir. The dead man was named as Craig Anderson, 24, of Whitburn, Lothian.

The sequence of violence that crossed two police force areas began early yesterday when Mr Anderson and a woman believed to be his girl friend were confronted by a gunman in their parked car near Crosswood reservoir, on the A70 between Edinburgh and Lanark.

A Lothian and Borders police car was later flagged down by a woman in Whitburn. What she told police led to them following a black Ford Capri at high speed.

Police lost sight of the car at about 1.30am after following it for several miles to Forth, Strathclyde. There the Lothian and Borders police met a tactical firearms unit from Strathclyde, who had been drafted in to help. As they gathered on a farm road in the Braehead area, just south of Forth, to discuss tactics, a gunman opened fire on seven officers, four of them armed. First to be hit was Constable Chris Hulme, 32, who was shot in the head. Two Strathclyde officers, Constable James Boyd, 31, and Constable Peter Cavanagh, were slightly hurt.

Marksmen fired back and wounded the gunman, who was arrested and taken to Law Hospital in Carluke. The man, 29, is being guarded by police. The hospital said that he was seriously ill with a chest wound.

None of the policemen hurt in the shooting was detained in hospital. The Strathclyde officers were both taken to Law Hospital, where PC Cavanagh was treated for gunshot wounds and PC Boyd for cuts caused by flying glass.

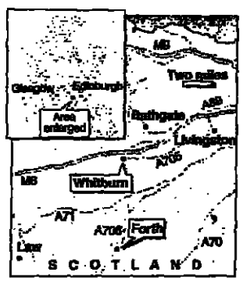
Later the same morning, Mr Anderson's body was recovered at the Crossburn reservoir. He had died of gunshot wounds. Police have asked anyone who saw a black Ford Capri in the western area of Lothian early on Sunday to contact Livingstone police station.

They later recovered a Ford Capri on a farm road near where the officers had been fired upon. A shotgun and rifle were also found and are being examined by forensic experts.

Roy Cameron, Strathclyde assistant chief constable, said that a man on foot, armed with a shotgun, had appeared and fired on the two police cars. The man was then shot by members of the firearms unit, four of whom were in one of the police cars with a local officer.

"Shots continued to be fired at police, there was a return of fire and a man fell wounded and was arrested," Mr Cameron said. He added that he could not say whether the gunman knew that some of the officers were armed.

Police confirmed that they were calling off a hunt for a man they had been seeking since Wednesday. Separate reports will be prepared for the procurator fiscal in each police area.



Stephens waits calmly for Lear's storm

BY ALISON ROBERTS
ARTS REPORTER

JOHN POTTER



Robert Stephens in Stratford's make-up room before going on stage as Lear

Ten minutes to curtain-up and Robert Stephens sits in his King Lear costume smoking a cigarette. "Enjoy the show," he grins. "It gets funnier in the second half."

To call the fourth preview night before tomorrow's opening of the new Royal Shakespeare Company *King Lear* at Stratford hectic would be mild in the extreme. But Stephens is calm, looking as though he is about to entertain ten close friends rather than a full theatre. Betty, the dresser to all the RSC stars, does not allow nerves. "I did Kenneth Branagh as well. I just tell them not to be so silly, not to panic."

Stephens's wig, which has been made wilder during the week of previews, takes a matter of minutes to put on. He tweaks it — it gets soaked during the stunning heath scene, so the glue has to be strong.

Tomorrow's much-anticipated first night will put Stephens, triumphant after last season's play-stealing Falstaff in the two parts of *Henry IV*, up there among the Shakespearean greats. Adrian Noble's production captures the descent from noble order into chaos in large symbols. And Stephens's performance moved members of the preview audience to tears. His "comeback", with Falstaff and now Lear, marks a high point in a chequered career that began at the top.

"The play is about human failing," Stephens says. "Lear is a failure before the play begins — he comes on and makes a complete ass of himself in public and he can't go back on himself."

Backstage at Stratford the corridors buzz all afternoon — Simon Russell Beale, who plays a contorted mad Edgar, wanders around, smoking and answering perpetually ringing telephones. In the canteen David Calder, the loyal Kent, and Owen Teale, evil Edmund, snatch the chance for a chat before being summoned to a note-taking session.

On stage, technicians are perfecting the heath downpour — the water had escaped on to the main platform in previous performances. And a battalion of make-up artists, costumiers and stagehands gears up for the evening.

Between rehearsal sessions Stephens emphasises that he is not interested in "re-defining Lear" or making a personal statement in the role. "With all these great parts you only give your opinion of it. You read the play and decide what your instinctive reactions are — it's a mistake to watch other Lears and try to be different.

"Certainly the man is incredibly granite-like and implacable. The play is a heart-breaking observation of a man falling to pieces. Of a man whose layers are very strongly pulled off him, like an onion right down to the middle."

Many of those associated with the company feel that Stephens has returned home in some sense, despite beginning work in Stratford only last year. Unlike Olivier's company at the National Theatre, where Stephens was hailed as his heir during the early sixties, there is no sense of hierarchy at the RSC.

Stephens says: "What you have to understand is that Larry would never allow anybody to play any of the great parts.

"We were once coming back from Nottingham, where we had seen two Jonathan Miller productions which Larry thought were dreadful, and he suddenly said, when I play a part like Coriolanus or Lear nobody should be allowed to do it for ten years. Nobody should be allowed to touch it because it's done. I thought but you really mean it, it's not a joke."

Stephens seems to have taken on the red Lear coat without such grand anticipations. He does not describe his version in epic terms. "Lear's daughters might have turned out not nearly so nasty if it weren't for this monstrous father who keeps plonking himself on them and demanding things," he says, for example.

In the end the play is the thing for Stephens — gimmick-free, full of emotion. "This is the most hopeless play, there is nothing at the end — no final speech saying now its going to be all right. But that's what makes it such an extraordinary story."

The preview performances have knocked a good 25 minutes off the production's running time. The audience spills out of the theatre at five past 11, clearly appreciative of the performance.

Stephens believes that Stratford is one of the last bastions of classical drama, where an audience can see large-scale productions staged with theatrical skill. London's West End has, he says, been forced into a profit-making strait-jacket, making for a lack of new writing compared with the sixties and early seventies. "It's hard for new writers because producers in London are looking for plays with a cast of two and one set," he says.

"Some people say that the Royal Shakespeare Company has too many theatres — three to fill here and then those at the Barbican. I don't know if that is true, I don't see everything that's put on there; but there are enough good actors around and this company gives us a chance to do really good work."

Stag party man dies in train fall

BY JAMES LANDALE

A STAG party trip ended with one man being killed and another being seriously injured when they fell from a train travelling at 80mph.

The men, both from London and in their early twenties, fell from a Cornwall-to-London InterCity 125 near Twyford, Berkshire, two miles east of Reading station.

Police said the injured man was in a serious condition at the Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading, with head and internal injuries. The man who died is thought to have come from Osterley, west London.

The two men joined the train at Reading at 7.09pm on Saturday with two others from a party of ten who had been at Newbury races celebrating a friend's forthcoming wedding. Within minutes, they had fallen from the train.

British Transport Police said: "There was some evidence that the party had been drinking, but we don't know how the accident happened yet." British Rail said that the door was not faulty.

The Health and Safety Executive last year said that doors could open under pressure.

☐ A man who had climbed onto a bridge parapet at Tonbridge, Kent, died when he fell into the river Medway.

Vigilant villagers deter the villains

BY JOE JOSEPH

THE call did not go out to Charles Bronson, but residents of a village near Hereford became so annoyed by a local crime wave that they have begun patrolling their streets after dark.

They walk the lanes of Bardisly, an isolated village between Hereford and the Welsh border, in pairs armed with mobile phones and the kind of long and powerful torches that are used by police in America. The 15-strong posse of volunteers includes a decorator, a carpetmaker and a shopkeeper and has already foiled a garage burglary and scared off five youths who stopped outside the village shop in a stolen car at 3am. Villains are finally learning not to mess with Eardisly.

During the past year computers were stolen from the local primary school, which was raided twice. Burglars also raided both village pubs, attacked the safe at the 12th century village church, broke into several business premises and took jewellery from two houses.

The final straw came last month when the local newsagent was burgled for the third time in ten weeks. Robbers got away with cigarettes, chocolates and more than £4,000 in cash.

Now the shop's owner, Janet Davies, has joined her husband Peter, a welder, on patrol duty.

"The only nights we get any sleep," she said, "is when we know there is somebody patrolling the village. I was so cross with getting broken into so many times I wanted to catch somebody.

"We don't go round hitting people. I don't take a rolling pin with me, just a pen and piece of paper to note down anything suspicious."

Volunteers who discover a crime telephone the police for support. West Mercia police have given their blessing to the scheme. Local firms have given mobile phones, torches and £150 for other equipment.

The chairman of the village's neighbourhood watch scheme, Peter Preece, is a retired police inspector. He believes the patrols are sad but necessary.

"The number of burglaries reached the stage where villagers said enough was enough," he said. "The majority of people in the patrols are self-employed men in their thirties and forties.

"There is no way you can call us vigilantes. Obviously, if the opportunity arises, everyone has the right to make a citizen's arrest."

Nurse faces further baby death charges

BY LIN JENKINS

THE jury in the trial of the nurse Beverly Allitt, who has been convicted of murdering three babies in the children's ward of a Lincolnshire hospital, will consider further charges at Nottingham Crown Court today.

The prosecution alleges that Allitt, 24, murdered Timothy Hardwick, an 11-year-old with a mental age of three months, while on the ward at Grantham and Kesteven District Hospital. She is also accused of the attempted murder or of intentionally causing grievous bodily harm to three other babies at the hospital between February 15 and April 22 1991.

Allitt, of Grantham, Lincolnshire, will not be in court to hear the further verdicts. She remains too weak to attend and is at Rampton Hospital receiving treatment for anorexia nervosa. She has denied all 26 charges and is being informed of the verdicts by telephone.

On Saturday, the fifth day of their deliberations, the jury of seven men and five women found her guilty of the attempted murder of Paul Crampton, aged five months. He was close to being discharged after treatment for a chest infection and nearly died when Allitt injected him with insulin that had not been prescribed.

They cleared her of charges of attempted murder and intentionally causing grevious bodily harm to Dorothy Lowe, 73, a diabetic at an old people's home, and Jonathan Jobson, 15, the brother of Allitt's best friend.

Allitt had already been convicted of the murder of three babies who were either suffocated or given a non-prescribed substance.

They were Liam Taylor, eight weeks, Becky Phillips, nine weeks, and Claire Peck, 15 months. She has also been found guilty of the attempted murder of Bradley Gibson, 5, and of intentionally causing grevious bodily harm to Yik Hung Chan, 2, Kayley Desmond, 15 months, and five-week-old Christopher King.

Euro-song win worries Irish to tune of several million

IRELAND is facing the prospect of a multi-million pound bill following its second successive victory in the Eurovision Song Contest. The rules of the competition state that the winning country must stage the following year's event and this could cause financial difficulties for RTE, the Irish broadcasting organisation.

This year's event, held in a converted showjumping arena in the tiny market town of Millstreet, co. Cork, was RTE's most expensive venture, and may result in a shortfall. Going through it all again in 1994 would severely strain the resources of RTE, whose income comes from licence fees and advertising.

Albert Reynolds, the Irish prime minister, who was in the audience at the show, appeared to be in no doubt that Ireland would be the host for the next contest. He said: "It's ours again next year." A senior official at RTE said yesterday that the company was delaying considering its next move.

But Liam Miller, the programme's producer, said last night: "This is a £2.5 million operation, involving a lot of time and resources. We have to think seriously about our broadcasting priorities and look at this very hard."

Noel Duggan, the owner of the Millstreet showjumping arena, said he would stage next year's event himself if necessary.

The tourism industry lobby is expected to press hard for next year's contest, the thirty-ninth, to be held in Ireland, because of the value of the international media coverage the event attracts.

The winning song, "In Your Eyes", was sung by Niamh Kavanagh, 25, from Dublin. She achieved Ireland's fifth success in the competition, after narrowly beating the British entry, "Better The Devil You Know". The victory could have gone to either song until the last vote came in from the Maltese jury, which gave 12 points to Ireland and none to Britain. The final count was Ireland 187, United Kingdom 164, Switzerland 148 and France 121.



Niamh Kavanagh and composer Jimmy Walsh

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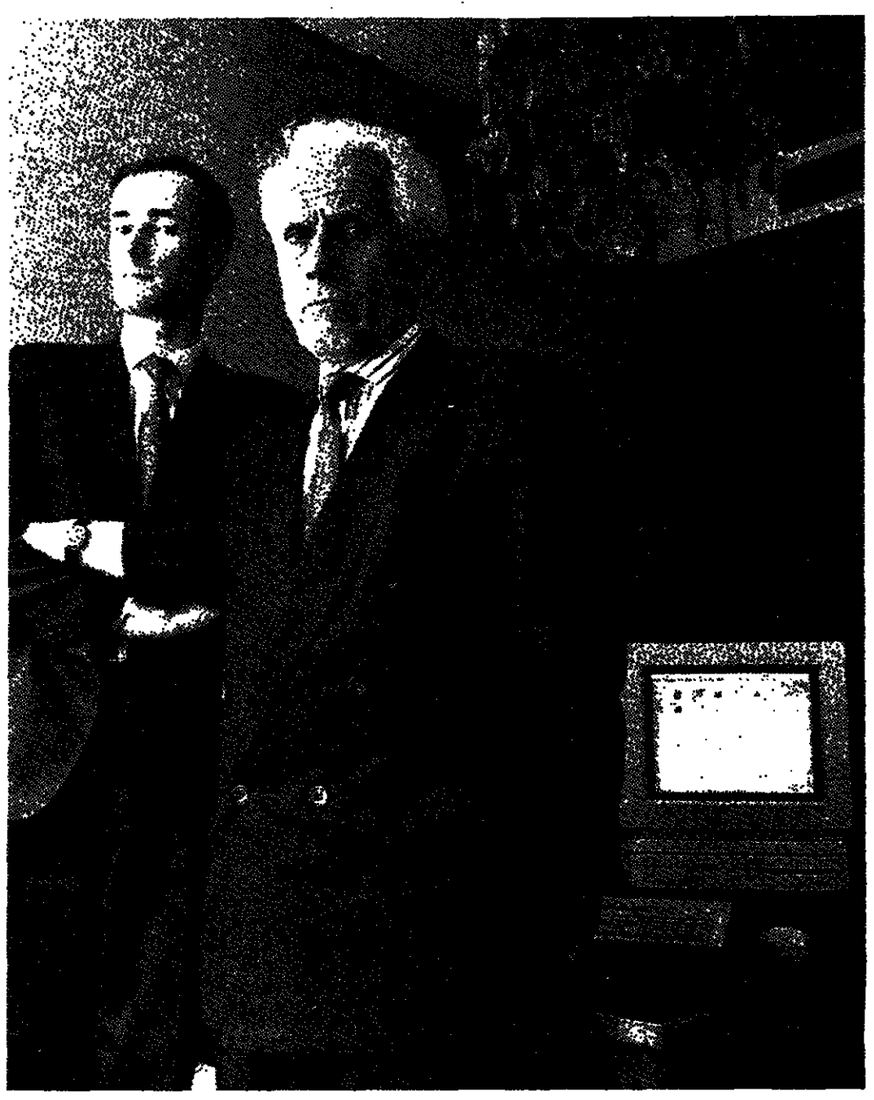
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Hospital's pioneer disaster team halves death rate

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

THE first hospital trauma centre designed to deal with serious accidents has halved the death rate among victims and could lead to an overhaul of the health service's emergency service.

Ministers are taking a close interest in the achievements of the centre, at North Staffordshire Royal Infirmary in Stoke-on-Trent. In two years it has cut the death rate among patients admitted with life-threatening injuries from 30 per cent to 16 per cent.

The health department is under growing pressure from specialists to reorganise the emergency service. They say accident victims are still dying unnecessarily five years after a study by the Royal College of Surgeons concluded that thousands of lives could be saved by concentrating expertise in fewer centres. Professor John Templeton, co-ordinator of the Stoke centre, said: "I have no doubt that this is the way forward."

Today, Tom Sackville, junior health minister, will tell a conference on the management of major trauma organised by the Royal College of Surgeons that the preliminary results from Stoke are encouraging. He will hear demands for a nationwide network of similar centres staffed by specialists in the resuscitation and care of severely injured patients.

Under the plan, London would have two centres and two more would cover the rest of the South East. Other major cities would have one or two centres making a total of 21 for England and Wales and four for Scotland and Northern Ireland. Each "trauma system" would cover five to ten hospitals serving a population of 1½ to 3½ million. One hospital would provide the trauma centre with the remainder treating the 99 per cent of injuries that are not a threat to life.

The introduction of such a two-tier emergency service is likely to be opposed. Professor Templeton said: "If we take all the severe injuries there will not be the need for the same high level of cover at the other hospitals." There are also fears that the centres will be too far apart for some patients to reach them in time.

The Stoke centre, which costs £1.5 million a year to run, has six consultant medical staff who sleep in the hospital on a rota providing 24-hour cover. All severely injured patients in the region are brought to the centre. The five neighbouring hospitals, which do not have 24-hour consultant cover, deal with less serious cases.

The arrangement overcomes the problem of severely injured patients being dealt with by inexperienced junior doctors and ensures that the trauma centre treats enough to maintain its expertise. The average emergency department sees one or two such cases a fortnight compared with eight to ten at Stoke, but patients take longer to get there.

Professor Miles Irving, chairman of the Royal College of Surgeon's 1988 study, said: "There is a trade-off between access and expertise, but in every field of medical endeavour, concentration of specialist expertise produces better results."

Ministers are awaiting the results of a Sheffield University study, commissioned by the health department, comparing the area served by the Stoke centre with similar areas in Humberside and Lancashire. Jonathan Nicholl, deputy director of the university's medical care research unit, said: "There are clear benefits to those who reach the trauma centre alive but it's not clear what proportion can get there."

MARTIN BEDDALL



The feel of fear: Paul Pearce-Kelly, head keeper of London zoo's invertebrate house, letting loose Belinda, a Mexican tarantula, on an arachnophobic at the end of a hypnotherapy course at the zoo on Saturday. The phobic participants in the "friendly spider programme" were taken to examine the spiders after hypnosis

NHS jobs 'deliberately left empty'

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

NHS hospitals are keeping nursing posts vacant to save money, the Royal College of Nursing claimed yesterday.

Over half of the 2,000 nurses surveyed said that there were empty posts where they worked and nearly two thirds believed that there were not enough staff to give a high quality of patient care. More than 800 said staffing levels had been reduced; 230 said they had been increased. Most staff cuts were made in the South East where 70 per cent of nurses reported a decline.

Speaking on the eve of the college's annual congress in Harrogate, Christine Hancock, the general secretary, said: "Health care managers must realise that filling vacant nursing posts is cost-effective. Investing in qualified nursing care means that patients get better faster."

The survey also found that three quarters of nurses felt less secure in their jobs than a year ago and only a quarter had access to local information on job vacancies. More than half said it was hard to cope on their salary.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Ferries feel benefit of cheap drink

Ferry companies have reported a big increase in passengers since the relaxation of import restrictions on alcohol on January 1.

Sealink reported a 16 per cent increase on the Dover-Calais crossing in the first three months. It carried 1.3 million passengers, compared with 1.15 million in the same period last year. P&O European Ferries carried 1.6 million. "There's no doubt that the change in the drink regulations has boosted passenger numbers," Sealink said.

The port of Dover handled 3.47 million passengers, up 43,855 on the same quarter last year.

Super Mario

Mario Errigo, a restaurateur from Southampton, spent two hours on the telephone persuading a caller not to commit suicide. She thought she had rung the Samaritans.

Walk victims

Almost 300 injured or exhausted teenagers were rescued from Dartmoor in the annual Ten Tors walk. About 2,400 youngsters took part.

Airline fines

Airlines were fined a total of £40,000 in the past year for exceeding noise limits at Manchester airport.

Bond winners

Winners in the weekly premium bond draw: £100,000, bond 32HK 853246, from Humberside, value of holding £10,000; £50,000, 1BN 245948, Kent (£227); £25,000, 12AZ 241722, Newcastle upon Tyne (£10,000).

Scientists warn of comet blast danger

BY NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

SCIENTISTS are warning governments that the threats from orbiting comets may be greater than had been supposed.

Chandra Wickramasinghe, professor of applied mathematics and astronomy at the University of Wales, Cardiff, is one of 60 scientists who have signed a declaration. Professor Wickramasinghe said yesterday that there was growing support for the theory that a piece of rubble capable of triggering a vast, nuclear-style explosion could smash into the Earth in 100 years' time, or even sooner.

Other signatories to the declaration include Professor Edward Teller, the father of the hydrogen bomb, Dr Victor Clube, of Oxford University, and Dr Mark Bailey, of John Moores University, Liverpool.

The evidence is partly based on an analysis of infra-red images collected by United States spy satellites, which has just been declassified by the Pentagon. Between 1975 and 1992, about 136 flashes were detected in the upper atmosphere. These have been linked with so-called Near Earth Objects that burnt up.

The objects have been calculated at about 60 metres wide. Scientists believe that if one had been 100 metres wide it could have survived and hit the Earth with enough force to destroy a big city or a larger area. The level of impacts was conservative, said Professor Wickramasinghe, because the satellites picked up the impacts by chance.

Waiter, there's a sneer on your face

BY JOE JOSEPH

NEARLY a third of Britons feel uncomfortable in elegant restaurants. They fear that head waiters will mock their ignorance, they find menus incomprehensible and they feel that waiters are patronising.

About 75 per cent of people aged between 18 and 25 leave a restaurant unhappier than when they entered it, a survey commissioned by the producers of Muscadet wine has revealed.

David Lewis, who analysed the results, found that there were also class differences in attitudes to restaurants. Young working class men in particular avoid upmarket restaurants, but not primarily because of cost. Most believe they will be made to look ridiculous in front of friends and girl friends. They tend to favour Chinese or Indian restaurants instead.

"While the cost of upmarket meals clearly deters many, fears over hostile service is probably putting off even more diners," Dr Lewis said.

Now that even restaurants in France include brief translations of menus for British visitors, people find it irritating that many French restaurants in Britain fail to do the same.

Diners also dislike menus which fail to give prices, the ritual of tasting wine, uncertainty about how much to tip, hidden service and cover charges — and not knowing which knife and fork to use. Only 10 per cent of us ever dare to send bad food back to the kitchen.

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Suicide highlights FO procedures

BY KATE ALDERSON

■ The Foreign Office is failing to represent the interests of Britons imprisoned abroad, say MPs and human rights groups

A CORONER has written to the Foreign Office asking for a review of procedures for dealing with the cases of Britons imprisoned abroad, after the death of a south London man in a French prison last year. The letter came to light this week as human rights groups and politicians expressed concern about the treatment of prisoners abroad.

Dr Paul Knapman, the coroner for Westminster, presided over an inquest in January into the suicide of Paul Douglas, 32, at Varces prison, near Grenoble. Dr Knapman later wrote to the Foreign Office: "May I ask that consideration be given to a review of your procedures in respect of persons detained abroad?"

Mr Douglas, on remand for an alleged sexual assault on a woman, was found hanged in his cell in January 1992, five months after his arrest. The inquest jury in London decided that he killed himself while the balance of his mind was disturbed, "contributed to by lack of care".

The inquest heard that the prison psychiatrist diagnosed Mr Douglas as mentally ill. He was given a punishment of four weeks in solitary confinement and remained there despite protests from the British vice-consul in Lyons. He hanged himself on January 15. Mr Douglas's wife Alex was not informed of his death until two days later.

Mr Douglas's family spent a year attempting to establish the circumstances surrounding his death, culminating in an inquest last January. Mrs Douglas has criticised the Foreign Office for failing to bring sufficient pressure to bear on the French authorities in her husband's case.

She said: "Paul was psychiatrically ill, yet he was put in solitary confinement twice. I appealed for help from the Foreign Office, but felt I was always banging my head against a wall."

Sir David Steel, Liberal Democrat spokesman for foreign affairs, is awaiting a response from Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, about the case of Raymond Bickley, who was imprisoned in Rennes, Brittany, in December, on a charge of drug trafficking, and has not yet seen a lawyer.

Sir David has also asked Mr Hurd to appoint a member of the Foreign Office human rights department to monitor the way in which consulates deal with abuse of UK citizens' human rights.

Dr Jack Cunningham, Labour spokesman on foreign affairs, said yesterday: "There does not appear to be a systematic approach to dealing with Britons imprisoned abroad, and it would seem timely to have a review of Foreign Office procedures in such matters."

According to Foreign Office figures, 2,396 Britons were arrested or charged while abroad last year, 1,900 of them in Europe.

HULTON DEUTSCH



Copping out: the last police strike, in August 1919. Since then officers have been banned from union activity

Police to debate strike issue

BY STEWART TENDLER
CRIME CORRESPONDENT

THE right of police to strike and to join trade unions will be debated by representatives of more than 120,000 officers gathering today for a national conference dominated by government plans to reform discipline rules.

Leaders of the Police Federation, covering all ranks up to chief inspector, have tabled an emergency motion for its annual conference in Blackpool suggesting that police should have the same rights as other employees if the government goes ahead with its proposals. The police have been barred from trade union activity since a police strike in 1919.

The motion will be debated tomorrow. A second emergency motion attacks the discipline plans for creating arbitrary and unfair measures. The proposals would mean a speedier discipline system, instant dismissal in extreme cases and the use of industrial tribunals.

Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, will address the conference on Wednesday.

Arms rules tried to please everyone

BY MICHAEL DYNES, WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

LORD Justice Scott's judicial enquiry into arms-related exports to Iraq will cast a spotlight on one of Whitehall's darkest recesses today when Sir Adam Butler, the former defence procurement minister, takes the stand.

Sir Adam, who held the procurement post in the period leading up to the publication in October 1985 of the Howe guidelines on arms export sales, will be questioned about the origins of the guidelines, and why they were not disclosed to Parliament for almost a year. He will be followed on Wednesday by Paul Channon, who, as trade minister from 1983-6 and trade secretary from 1986-7, held office before and after the guidelines came into effect.

A picture is beginning to emerge from the enquiry of ministers and civil servants struggling to reconcile conflicting political, moral, military and commercial pressures over arms sales in the period before Iraq's invasion of Kuwait in August 1990. It would appear that the Howe guidelines were drafted in an attempt to present a policy that could be all things to all men.

Britain's Arab allies, fearful of Iran, could be assured that the government would do all it could not to discriminate against Iraq. Opponents of arms exports could rest easy that the government would not permit the sale of any equipment that could prolong or exacerbate the conflict. Defence contractors could use the opportunities for exports, providing no equipment significantly enhanced the military strength of either side.

Reconciling these conflicting aims depended on how "prolong or exacerbate the conflict" and "significantly enhance military strength" were defined. Ministers and officials spent a great deal of time making fine distinctions even finer in response to the changing circumstances of the war.

After the ceasefire between Iran and Iraq in July 1988, the guidelines were gradually relaxed so that only equipment that could be used to breach the ceasefire was prohibited. It was in this climate that the defence ministry's Iran-Iraq working group began to receive export licence applications from Matrix Churchill. Suspicions held by some defence ministry advisers that its computer-assisted machine tools would be used to make artillery shells were discounted and overruled.

With Britain's defence industry accounting for 10 per cent of manufacturing capacity, and only two thirds of its output consumed by domestic defence requirements, contractors are heavily dependent on exports. This structural reliance appears to have played a big role in encouraging ministers and officials to press for the relaxation of the Howe guidelines.

CHAMPIONSHIP CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

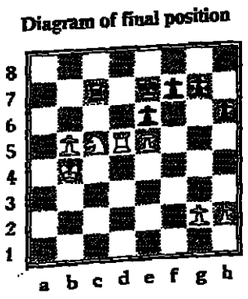
In the Euwe Memorial tournament in Amsterdam Nigel Short lost his first game against the 17-year-old Russian Vladimir Kramnik. Kramnik is tipped by Kasparov himself as a likely future world champion. However, in their replay Nigel scored a superb endgame victory. In the final position the advance of White's b-pawn will decide the game in his favour.

White: Nigel Short
Black: Vladimir Kramnik
Amsterdam 1993

Sicilian Defence

1	e4	c5
2	Nf3	Nc6
3	d4	cxd4
4	Nxd4	Nf6
5	Nc3	d6
6	Bg5	e6
7	Qd2	a6
8	0-0-0	h6
9	Be3	Bd7
10	f4	b5
11	Bd3	Be7
12	Kb1	0-0
13	Rhf1	Ng4
14	Nxc6	Bxc6
15	Bg1	Nf6
16	e5	dxe5
17	fxe5	Nd7
18	Bd4	Bc5
19	Be4	Qc7
20	Bxc6	Qxc6
21	Rf4	Qc7
22	Bxc5	Nxc5

Diagram of final position



23	Qd6	Rac8
24	Qxc7	Rxc7
25	Rfd4	Rb8
26	b4	Nb7
27	Ne4	Kf8
28	Kb2	Ke7
29	a3	Rd8
30	Rxd8	Nxd8
31	Nc5	a5
32	c4	axb4
33	axb4	bxc4
34	Kc3	Nc6
35	Re1	Na7
36	Kxc4	Kd8
37	Rd1+	Ke7
38	b5	Nc8
39	Kb4	Nb6
40	Rd6	Nd5+
41	Rxd5	Black resigns

Times World Chess Championship Update

At 11.00 am today at Simpsons-in-the-Strand Gary Kasparov and Nigel Short will hold a press conference to give details about The Times World Chess Championship Match. At the same time Peter Schouten of Teleworld, Rotterdam will explain the mechanics of the Predictamove competition which will enable a home audience to play against Kasparov and Short during the game. There will be a reception at the Savoy Hotel tonight to launch The Times Bond Scheme for the match. Full details of how to obtain tickets to watch the play will be published ongoingly in this column.

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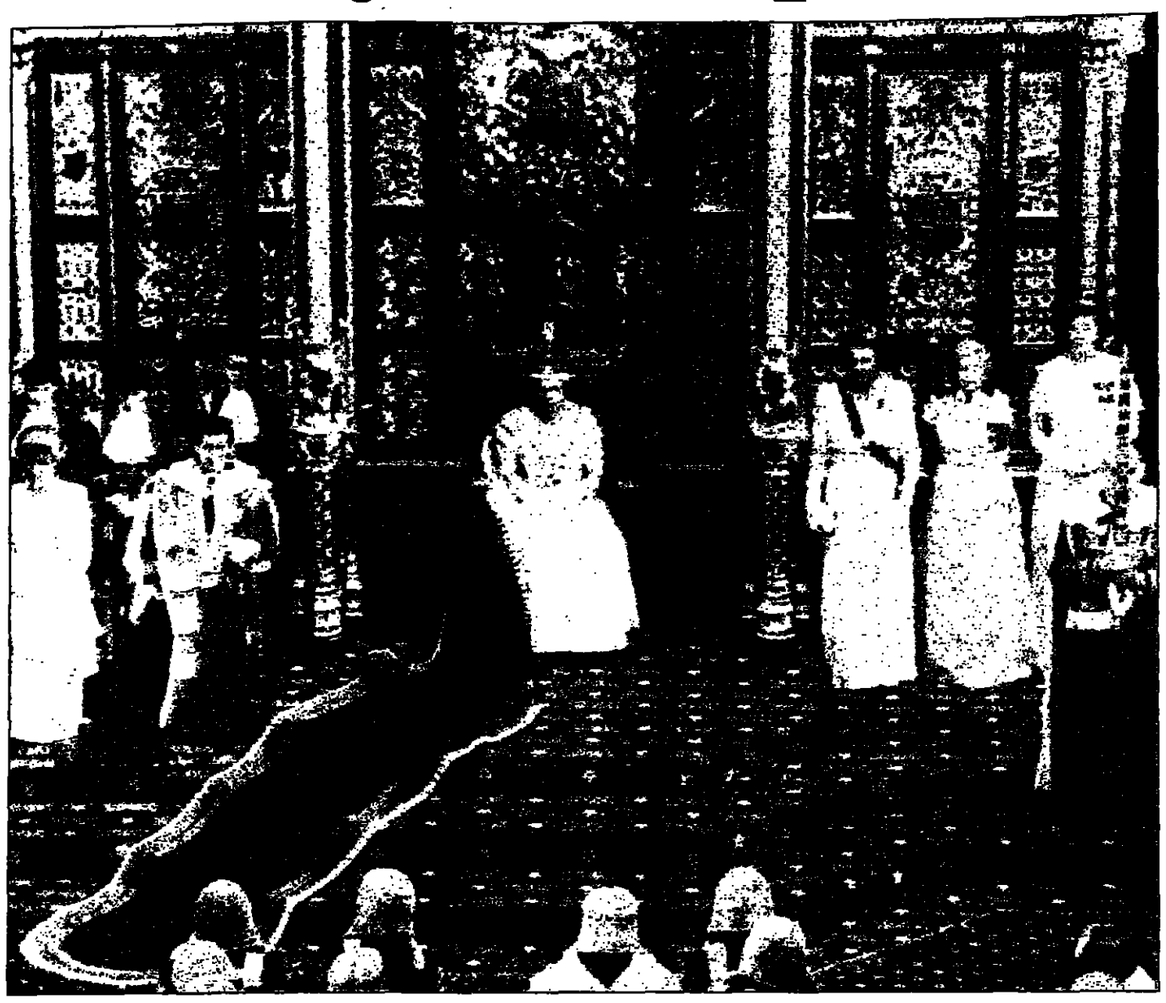
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Voices of loyalty and dissent demand intelligent debate on the future of the Crown

The monarchy under pressure

Peter Stothard, editor of The Times, explains the importance of Saturday's Times/Charter 88 monarchy conference



At a meeting of *Times* readers in Bristol earlier this month, I was asked whether I minded that the debate on the monarchy was no longer confined to a charmed circle, as it had been during the abdication crisis when Geoffrey Dawson, then editor of *The Times*, was one of three men said to have decided the fate of the Crown. I was happy to reply that the debate was now in the hands of the many rather than the few, although I hoped that *The Times* would still be at its centre. It is in this spirit that we are sponsoring an all-day conference organised by Charter 88 on Saturday at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre in London, to which readers are invited today. Some inevitably will say that *The Times* should not be involved in this sort of exercise at all. We reject that as we reject Charter 88's call for a referendum to determine what role, if any, should be played by the head of state in future and how the occupant of that office should be selected. *The Times* believes in the value of a constitutional monarchy which is removed from ordinary life by its pageantry, serenity and grandeur. We also believe in the need for an intelligent debate on the future of the Crown.

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In the past 12 months of hectic upheaval in the royal family's private life, republicans have come in from the cold to press their case with renewed vigour, while many who advocate constitutional reform have called for radical changes in the style and substance of monarchy. It is the view of *The Times* that the Queen's decision in February that she and the Prince of Wales should pay tax was reform enough, and that Britain would surrender a rich part of its spiritual and cultural heritage if it embraced a Scandinavian-style bicycling monarchy. At a time when Britons find they have little to celebrate, the state would be poorer without stateliness.

Others would disagree. But it is because of — rather than in spite of — such clear differences of opinion between *The Times*, Charter 88 and other voices of loyalty or dissent that open, public debate is now so urgent. Monarchists can no longer be confident that the argument will go their way unless they make their case clearly and often. After the *annus horribilis* of the Windsor Castle fire, royal separation and discord in the church, the institution of the monarchy needs active support as never before. It also needs intelligent support, after a year in which coverage of the royal family has often degenerated into soap opera. Tapes of private conversations may feed the imagination but they are no basis upon which to judge the institutions of the realm. Those who share Henry Hallam's belief that the British constitution is the "most beautiful phenomenon in the history of mankind" have as important a part to play in Saturday's conference as those who would build a new republic.

The battle between republican and monarchist is, in any case, only part of the story, as those wise antagonists Burke and Paine would have well understood. An important objective of the Times/Charter 88 debate must be to highlight the sheer range of institutions, national practices and cultural habits that are affected by, and intertwined with, the monarchy. The findings of the Scott enquiry about the wielding of the royal prerogative by ministers of the Crown, for example, should perhaps be more important to the nation than a taped argument allegedly between the Prince and Princess of Wales. The role of the Crown in the Union of England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland probably matters more than relations between the press and members of the royal family.

Each age must re-examine this nexus of relationships and draw its own conclusions about the workings of the constitution: a process which Ferdinand Mount has aptly described as "flexibility in search of permanence". The political scientists of the 17th century Stuart court aimed to build an absolute kingship to match the power of continental monarchs; Walter Bagehot interpreted the constitution through the prism of Victorian "social Darwinism"; A.V. Dicey's vision was inspired by passionate Unionism. We, too, must carry on the evolutionary quest to understand and mould the institutions which shape our lives.

Forty years after the coronation, there is a unique series of pressures bearing down upon our unwritten constitution — pressures to which those who would preserve, reform or abolish the monarchy must find a response. Most obviously, the separation of the Prince and Princess of Wales forces us to ask whether the official duties of the sovereign should be affected by matters of private morality and whether the prospect of the first divorced monarch since George I is alarming or merely regrettable.

Under the 1701 Act of Settlement, the monarch need only be a communicant Anglican, his or her function as Supreme Governor of the church unthreatened by marital status. Yet there are those within the church who feel that spiritual leadership of Anglicanism requires a commitment to the sanctity of marriage and that the separation strengthens the case for a disentanglement of the mystic link betweeen church and state.

John Habgood, the archbishop of York, still opposes disestablishment. But his remark in January that tolerance of mischief in the royal family "has its limits" hinted that the church might one day seek to loosen the bond between faith and its dynastic defender. Anglo-Catholics believe that the decision to ordain women priests has ended the Church of England's claim to special status. Many who supported the General Synod's decision feel that Parliament should no longer have a say in ecclesiastical matters. The pressure for disestablishment is growing. Would the monarchy suffer or achieve a new independence if stripped of its religious role?

Least obvious but perhaps most important is the role of Maastricht. Constitutionalists still disagree about the precise status of the sovereign Queen-in-Parliament under the 1972 European Communities Act. What happens to a hereditary head of state in a federalist Europe has barely been discussed in this country. Indeed, a government that has focused exclusively on the legislative task of ratification and prefers to take its cue from the second Danish referendum than from its own electors could scarcely be expected to spell out the constitutional implications of European integration.

The question will not go away. The clash between the continental certainties of Adenauer and Schuman and the fluid interpretations of Bagehot, Dicey and Jennings is inevitable. How the Queen will fit into the chain of subsidiarity has yet to be explained.

So there is much for intelligent Britons to talk about. I hope that Saturday's conference will be remembered as a unique day on which hundreds gathered to discuss vigorously the institution that still stands at the heart of our national life. "For forms of government let fools contest," wrote Pope. "Whate'er is best administered is best." He was right. But it is worth asking ourselves from time to time what we mean by "best".



Taking part: some of the distinguished speakers lending their expertise to the debate. From the left, Lady Williams, Lord Rees-Mogg, Helena Kennedy, Ian McEwan, Kate Adie, Martin Amis, Marina Warner and Andrew Morton . . .

The personalities and the issues

Royalists spar with radicals

THE ONE-DAY conference jointly organised by *The Times* and Charter 88 next Saturday is almost certainly the first major public gathering to debate the issue of the monarchy since the 17th century. It will enable speakers and audience members to discuss the role of the monarchy as an institution, its relationship to other institutions of state and its significance to the British people. Ardent republicans will spar with fervent royalists and constitutional reformers in a day of democratic argument.

The debate on Britain's institutions which Charter 88, newspapers and senior judges have helped to generate in recent years now has greater breadth, diversity and passion and has been focused in quite a new way by the inclusion of the institution of monarchy. The Queen's Guildhall speech last November indicated that scrutiny of all institutions is healthy, and it effectively signalled royal "permission" for the ending of what had been a taboo.

This release is both welcome and worrying. A crude republicanism has arisen which mirrors the fiercest monarchism. Neither addresses questions such as the nature of sovereignty, our status as royal subjects, and the link between church and state.

Historically, the role and nature of the monarchy have been fiercely debated. But since the second world war a silence has fallen. Now, on the eve of the fortieth anniversary of the Queen's coronation, the Monarchy Debate is intended to be a day that definitively ends those years of silence.

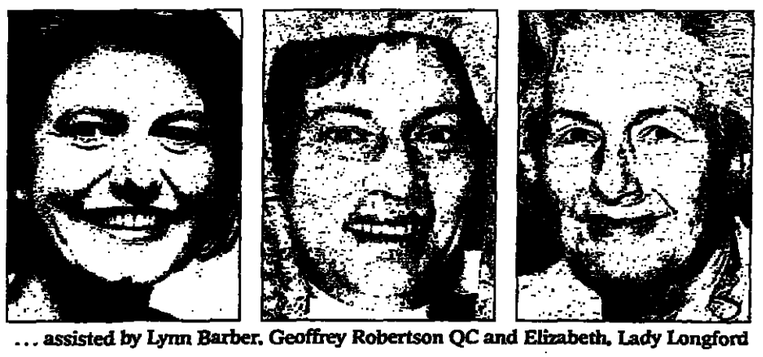
As Jonathan Clark, the historian and fellow of All Souls College, Oxford, argued in *The Times* last week, it is as important for traditionalists to debate the future of the monarchy as it is for republicans and reformers. Contrary to the hopes of the Victorian constitutionalist Walter Bagehot, daylight has already flooded on to the magic of the Crown. All should contribute to the debate. This is the spirit that lies behind Saturday's conference.

The Monarchy Debate will open and close with plenary sessions in which everybody can participate. In between will be seminars led by panels of invited speakers focusing on specific aspects of the monarchy.

The Programme:
9.30am-11.00am, opening plenary: **The importance of the monarchy.**
The monarchy lies at the heart of our constitution and of our culture. What is its importance for Britain? Chaired by Peter Stothard, editor of *The Times*. Charles Moore, editor of *The Sunday Telegraph* and Sue Townsend, author of *The Queen and I* will give their answers followed by the former Social Democrat Baroness Williams of Crosby and the Charter 88 coordinator Anthony Barnett, who will set the day's debate in its wider context.

11.00-11.30am, coffee.
11.30-1.00pm, seminar session one:
Public opinion and the British dream
The range of public and private opinion on the monarchy is broader than it has been for centuries. Rarely have the lives and fortunes of the royal family been so vigorously discussed. Will the mystery and aura of the monarchy survive? In the chair is Lynn Barber of *Vanity Fair* and *The Independent on Sunday*. Britain's most eminent political analyst, David Butler, the writer Bea Campbell, Anthony Holden, biographer of Prince Charles, and the novelist Ian McEwan will discuss what the British feel and think about the monarchy.

The media and the royals
Media coverage of the royal family is taken for granted. Has this obsession with the private morality of a single dynasty helped or hindered examination of the institution it represents? And who manipulates whom? With Marcelle d'Argy-Smith, editor of *Cosmopolitan*, in the chair. Nicholas Coleridge, managing director of Condé Nast, writer and broadcaster Claire Rayner, writer Yvonne Roberts and Ingrid Seward, editor of *Majesty* magazine, turn the spotlight on the fourth estate.



. . . assisted by Lynn Barber, Geoffrey Robertson QC and Elizabeth, Lady Longford

A case for disestablishment?
Is the Church of England now a religious sect which should gracefully break its links with the state? *The Independent*'s religion correspondent Andrew Brown and Jonathan Clark, who strongly believes that the special place of the Church of England is central to Britain's traditions, will open the debate. Fay Weldon, the novelist and perhaps the most distinguished author to have written recently about the devil, and Piers Brenden, author of *Our Dear Queen*, will respond. Matthew d'Ancona, special writer at *The Times*, is in the chair.

The hereditary principle
Baroness Castle of Blackburn, whose diaries on the Labour government are a crucial record of the difficulties of a reforming administration in Britain, will debate with the historian Lord Neidpath and the royal historian and pro-monarchist Hugo Vickers on the influence of the hereditary principle on British government and culture. Tim Miller, chair of the Charter 88 executive, will chair the session.

Monarchies, sovereignty and Europe
The constitutional status of the British monarchy after Maastricht has barely been addressed. Vernon Bogdanor, reader in government at Oxford University and fellow of Brasenose College, who is writing a book on the monarchy and the constitution, will answer the question that the Princess of Wales once raised at the royal dinner table: can the Queen still be head of state in a federal Europe? He will be joined by Carole Tongue, MEP for London East; Ian Buruma, a Dutch-born novelist who will reflect on the monarchies of The Netherlands and Tokyo; and the historian Adam Zamoyski. Professor Paul Hirst of Birkbeck College takes the chair.

The royal prerogative and political power
The royal prerogative, exercised by the prime minister on the monarch's behalf, is a cornerstone of the British constitution. What role should the prerogative play in a modern democracy? Examining the issue will be James Cornford, director of the Institute for Public Policy Research, Edward Pearce, *The Guardian* columnist, Dr David Starkey, constitutional historian, and Labour's environment spokesman, Jack Straw MP. *The Times* leader writer and assistant editor Mary Ann Sieghart will be in the chair.

The republic of Great Britain?
Would life without the monarchy suit us? Caroline Ellis, Charter 88's political officer and Tim O'Donovan, who compiles the annual record of royal engagements published in *The Times*, will debate with the poet Tom Paulin. Hilary Wainwright, a socialist, and Edgar Wilson, editor of *The Republic*. The journalist and presenter of *Network East*, Shyama Perera, is in the chair.

1.00-2.30pm, lunch.
2.30-4.00pm, workshop and seminar session.
One crown, many nations
What is or should be the relationship between monarchy and the different communities which make up the kingdom? Francesca Klug, co-editor of the *Democratic Audit*, will draw together the contributions of the rock singer Billy Bragg, Bikhu Parekh, professor of political theory at the University of Hull, Eleri Carrog, secretary of the Welsh civil rights movement, politics professor Elizabeth Meehan and the Scottish writer Tom Nairn.

His or hers — prospects for the royal family
The royal biographer Elizabeth, Lady Longford, the author Andrew Morton, Amanda Platell of Mirror Group Newspapers and Geoffrey Robertson QC, defence counsel in the Matrix Churchill trial, bring their very different perspectives to bear. Henry Porter of *Vanity Fair* holds the ring.

Do we need a head of state?
Liberal Democrat peer Lord Holme, chairman of the all-party Constitutional Reform Centre and one of the founders of Charter 88, will argue that a country does need a figurehead. Jean Lambert, principal speaker for the Green party, will argue that it does not. Graham Allen, a Labour MP, and Sir John Stokes, a former Tory MP, will add their strong views as *The Times* columnist Janet Daley takes the chair.

Deference and economic decline
Can we draw parallels between the structure of British society and our poor economic performance? Robin Marris, emeritus professor of economics at London University, chairs the session which will be opened by Will Hutton, economics editor of *The Guardian*. He will be joined by Phillip Hall, writer on the taxation of royalty, the Liberal Democrat MP Simon Hughes and Ruth Lea, chief economist of Mitsubishi Bank.

Patronage and heritage
Richard Hoggart, author of *The Uses of Literacy*; novelist and co-editor of *Democracy in Britain*, Adam Lively; *The Independent* columnist Reggie Nadelson and the art historian Brian Sewell challenge some preconceptions. Kate Adie takes the chair.

The monarchy and our imagination
The writer Marina Warner, from Charter 88's executive, will draw together the analyses of novelist Martin Amis, author Rosalind Coward, playwright David Hare, filmmaker and director of *Orlando* Sally Potter and author Patrick Wright.

4.00-4.30pm, tea.
4.30-6.00pm, closing plenary.

The Future of the Monarchy
Helena Kennedy QC, chair of Charter 88 Council, will preside as Professor Stephen Haseler tries to persuade Teresa Gorman MP that the time has come to sweep an outdated institution away. Christopher Hitchens of *Vanity Fair* will respond. Professor David Marquand will put the case for wider constitutional reform and Lord Rees-Mogg, *The Times* columnist and one of Britain's most prescient political commentators, will give his overview on the possible futures that await.

JOIN THE MONARCHY DEBATE

An invitation to readers

- THE TIMES, in association with Charter 88, is pleased to invite readers to an all-day conference on "The Monarchy, the Constitution and the People", to be held at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, Westminster, London, on May 22.
- It will be chaired by Peter Stothard, Editor of *The Times*, with a host of eminent speakers, including Martin Amis, Lynn Barber, David Butler, Richard Hoggart, Anthony Holden, Lord Holme, Helena Kennedy, Lady Longford, Ian McEwan, Claire Rayner, Lord Rees-Mogg, Geoffrey Robertson QC, Jack Straw, Sue Townsend and Baroness Williams of Crosby.
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With fewer student grants available, the legal profession is increasingly a preserve of the better-off

Law students run up £5,000 debts

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

A THIRD of law students incur debts of £5,000 when studying to become solicitors, according to a survey highlighting the financial difficulties of trainee lawyers published today.

The survey, which confirms fears that the legal profession is becoming a preserve of the better-off, shows extensive debt among the more than 2,000 students who responded. Carried out by the Trainee Solicitors' Group, the survey covered students studying law at undergraduate level and those doing their further vocational year on the Law Society finals course. About 13 per cent of students on the Law Society finals course had debts of more than £7,500; 19 per cent had debts of £5,000-£7,500; and nearly 25 per cent had debts of £2,000-£5,000. Large levels of debt are also being incurred on degree courses, it found, with a quarter of students running up debts of more than £1,000.

The group says: "Such large undergraduate debt is deterring students from carrying on to the finals course." Those who do carry on find that by the time they finish the one-year finals course they have greater difficulties. "If the anticipated debt is realised, more than 32 per cent of students surveyed will have debts of over £5,000 ... There appears to be a great divide between those that have no or little financial worries after the Law Society finals course and those who have substantial financial concerns."

The problem is aggravated by the shortage of grants. In the past three years the number of discretionary grants for the finals course has fallen by 70 per cent. Meanwhile, fees for the one-year course are set to rise to nearly £5,000 in September, reflecting the higher cost of the course becoming skills-based and more labour intensive.

Only 21 per cent of students now receive discretionary grants. One in five find sponsorship from law firms and the rest have to manage on loans or help from parents.

On the Bar one-year training course run by the Council of Legal Education the proportion of students on full local authority grants has fallen from 47 per cent in 1989 to 14 per cent. Only 40 per cent of students receive any grant at all. John Taylor of the council said: "We are very concerned about financial hardship among some students. Fees at £3,650 a year are subsidised by about £700 per student. The Inns of Court also give generous scholarships and awards: each Inn provides more than £400,000 of scholarships and awards a year."

Robert Festenstein, chairman of the Trainee Solicitors' Group, said: "A financial prequalification test has effectively been set, precluding those without resources or the desire and ability to enter a commercial practice from entering the legal profession."

The College of Law, the main provider of the finals course, has found that more than 200 students failed to start the course last September for financial reasons and that number would rise next autumn, Mr Festenstein said.

However, the college has received 7,500 applications for its 3,500 places this autumn. Mr Festenstein predicted that the cash problems would hit the supply of lawyers particularly to legal aid firms: about 41 per cent of those surveyed wanted to enter a large commercial firm and only 8 per cent a legal aid firm.

The group has launched a campaign for funding for trainees. Letters have gone to banks and building societies seeking support for a centralised loan scheme at attractive rates of interest for trainees. Mr Festenstein said that on top of the £5,000 fees, students had to support themselves, an estimated cost of £3,500.

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JULIAN HERBERT



Under pressure: Melissa Royde has £25 a week to spend on food and books

Part-time cleaning must help pay bills

BY FRANCES GIBB

PENNY Wilson, a former probation officer who graduated from Sheffield University, did her one-year pre-finals course (a conversion course required for non-law graduates) at the College of Law in York. She remortgaged her home to finance the course after being assured that she would qualify for a discretionary grant.

"Just before the end of the summer term, I was advised that they had changed their policy and were now awarding only between £500 and £999 towards fees. I obtained this only after an appeal." Friends gave her cash and she works as a cleaner and babysitter.

"I don't feel I can take on further financial commitments in the shape of a bank loan, so unless I can obtain sponsorship or gifts I will have to consider relinquishing my place," she said.

Melissa Royde, from Guildford, graduated in law from Southampton University in 1992. She said: "This year is causing me so much financial hardship that I have to spend half the week doing virtually full-time work to survive."

She did not apply for a grant, having been told there was no point. She was unable to obtain sponsorship or a loan from solicitors, employers or charities. She had an overdraft of £1,000 before starting the course. She worked 20 hours a week for a butcher, but had to stop for her examinations. She has less than £25 a week for food and books.

Mark Dillon, a law finalist, says he has severe financial worries. He had some £5,000 of debt from financing himself through the pre-finals year (conversion course for non-law graduates), and worked as a barman, painter and decorator. He then heard he would receive £759 from North Yorkshire local authority.

"This is something, but clearly inadequate when set against fees of £3,000 and living expenses of at least £3,500."

☐ *Details taken from a recent survey published by the College of Law.*

Tories accused on county reforms

■ Labour MPs fear for the independence of the Local Government Commission as it considers the future of Derbyshire

BY RACHEL KELLY, LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

THE first step in reorganising local government in Derbyshire is to be taken today with a recommendation laden with political significance.

The county's Tory MPs, including Edwina Currie, see the county council as a model of the "loony left" and want the Local Government Commission to abolish it in favour of smaller authorities based on the present districts.

Yet the commission is widely expected to recommend one authority for Derby and another for the rest of Derbyshire based on the county council — the "doughnut" option. The model would be similar to that recommended for Durham by the commission last week.

The difference in Derbyshire is that Tory MPs such as Mrs Currie and Philip Oppenheim will fight the decision. Their Labour opponents, who include Margaret Beckett, deputy leader of the Labour Party, and Tony Benn, are concerned that the supposedly independent commission is being put under political pressure to come up with a solution that suits the government.

Tory opposition, Mr Oppenheim says, is only partly based on political grounds. "Of course, there is some politicisation involved. But we are in favour of abolishing the county council because we believe in smaller councils, which are more accountable. We are at one with all the Labour leaders of the district councils."

Derbyshire Dales District Council is based in the market town of Matlock, where Labour and Tory councillors are united in opposition to the district's possible abolition. Hubert Doxey, leader of the council's Labour group, said: "We do not consider reorganisation a political issue. The people we represent always come first. To have one unitary authority for the whole of the county except for Derby would be too big, too remote for the people of Derbyshire."

Martin Doughty, a Labour county councillor who is shortly expected to be elected leader unopposed, is aware that large authorities can be seen as remote. He said: "We are recommending that the areas which are not parished should be parished, and that the links between parish councils and the councils should be strengthened."

He added that although local people might prefer local government to be less remote, they were not prepared to pay more for it. Research for the commission showed that 82 per cent of people were unwilling to pay a higher council tax to fund more local councils.

The districts believe that having more local councils need not be more expensive. They say that ultimately the ongoing costs would be determined by the management and service arrangements of the new councils.

Many Derbyshire people were not aware of the review, a state that is symptomatic of the confusion about local government responsibilities that it aims to rectify. Those who did know about it were certainly concerned about costs. Linda Dicken, a pharmacist, said: "I want to be best looked after, and best off. But I don't want to pay any more."

Stonehenge visitors' centre is delayed

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

ENGLISH Heritage has been forced to change plans for better tourist facilities at Stonehenge including the building of a vistors' centre, Jocelyn Stevens, the organisation's chairman, will announce today.

The decision to review the £15 million scheme is likely to prolong the present arrangements, which were described by the Commons public accounts committee last month as a "national disgrace".

Mr Stevens will unveil a revised plan in which the previously chosen Larkhill site, to the north of Stonehenge, will be one of eight possible locations for a new visitors' centre which will have a cafe, lecture theatre and museum. The move has the backing of Peter Brooke, the heritage secretary.

The Larkhill site, jointly proposed by English Heritage and the National Trust, would entail closing a stretch of the A344, which runs 100yds to the north of Stonehenge and gives 250,000 motorists a year a free view.

Salisbury county council has objected to the Larkhill proposal because it claims that a mile-long access road would damage neolithic and bronze age remains.

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Flagging 'No' campaign fails to rouse Danes

■ Denmark remains uneasy about federalism. Most pundits predict a "Yes" to Maastricht this time, but voting tomorrow could still bring an upset

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN COPENHAGEN

DENMARK'S anti-Maastricht campaigners yesterday launched the final salvoes of a flagging campaign which seems increasingly unlikely to lead to a rejection of the treaty in a second referendum here this week.

Opinion polls still show a gap between the pro- and anti-treaty camps too wide to close before polling tomorrow. Yesterday's Gallup poll showed "Yes" voters at 49 per cent, "No" at 33 and 14 per cent undecided.

An upset, which would finish the Maastricht treaty in its present form, is just possible. For Danes to reject the treaty a second time, every undecided voter would have to choose "No", the polling margin of error — plus or minus 3 per cent — would have to have underestimated opposition and tomorrow's turnout would need to be low.

The final result is unlikely to be a ringing endorsement of the treaty and most political pundits here anticipate a "little Yes". But they are hesitant about even that prediction: most of the same pundits wrongly predicted a "Yes" last year.

The anti-treaty campaign's only chance of a late swing in its favour rests on persuading voters that they have been cheated. Bill Cash, the Conservative MP who leads the anti-Maastricht charge at Westminster and who is touring Danish "No" meetings, hammers the theme that a conspiracy between the Copenhagen and Brussels establishments has hidden the truth of what will happen if the treaty is ratified. Using "lies and disinformation", governments across Europe were conspiring to obscure the full federalist horror of the treaty, he told a meeting here yesterday. A recent speech by



No hoper: an opponent of the Maastricht treaty rides through Copenhagen with a "No" poster on his bicycle

Jean-Luc Dehaene, the Belgian prime minister, he said, revealed that as soon as the treaty was ratified the EC would become a "new state" and create its own army. Danes are particularly fearful of any prospect of an EC army but Mr Dehaene's speech last week did not mention the subject.

Mr Cash's complaint that debate has been smothered is nearer the mark, but Danish voters do not seem suspicious of the EC's unusual reticence over the past few months. The Danish government holds the EC's presidency at the moment and its ministers have successfully put the EC's decision-making system to sleep until the referendum is over. If the Danish government wins a "Yes", pressure will be piled on Britain to ratify and press on with implementing the treaty.

The Belgian government, which takes over the EC presidency in July, will be more vocally federalist but is unlikely to push the one idea that scared Danes last year. Reports last summer that Jacques Delors and others were thinking of centralising the EC's system and cutting down the powers of the small states such as Denmark gave last year's "No" campaign a powerful boost.

"No" campaigners, including Mr Cash, are hinting that big business interests have swept the truth — that Denmark's economy would survive rejecting the treaty — under the carpet. But he and others have been unable to quell a persistent unease that Danish companies are hanging fire on big investments until they are sure of a "Yes".

The "No" campaign is beginning to look and sound limp and exhausted. Only a few dozen cyclists turned up to a anti-treaty bike ride in Copenhagen over the weekend. Mr Cash addressed a crowd of about a hundred in a community centre and was warmly clapped when he declared that the British fight against the treaty would go on whatever this week's result.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Ukraine allows communist activity

Kiev: Ukraine's communists won a political victory here after the country's leaders allowed them to resume activity for the first time since the 1991 coup (Robert Seely writes). The ruling came in a communiqué from the country's praesidium composed of senior parliamentarians.

However, the statement gave no indication whether the former party would be allowed to reclaim property taken when the ban was imposed almost two years ago. Both Russia and Ukraine outlawed the party after the 1991 coup. Russia allowed local communist party groups to form after a constitutional court ruling last winter.

Talks founder

Berlin: Talks intended to end a two-week steel strike and an engineering strike in eastern Germany broke down yesterday. An IG-Metall spokesman forecast that the stoppages would spread to other regions this week. *(Reuter)*

Kabul raids

Kabul: Afghan government jets bombed guerrilla positions outside the capital as each side accused the other of sabotaging ceasefire talks. More than 3,000 people have been wounded since fighting erupted last week. *(Reuter)*

Attacks feared

Phnom Penh: Cambodia's prime minister, Hun Sen, told UN diplomats that the Khmer Rouge would try to attack Cambodian cities in the days before next weekend's elections in an effort to stop voting going ahead. *(AFP)*

Great escape

El Centro, California: A group of 200 Chinese who overcame Mexican guards while awaiting deportation at the border town of Mexicali were recaptured. Eighty-seven caught by US officers may be granted asylum. *(AP)*

Victims recalled

Bonn: Germany's western city of Arnsberg held ceremonies commemorating the 1,400 people who drowned 50 years ago when Britain dropped bouncing bombs and smashed the nearby Möhne dam. *(Reuter)*

Saints named

Rome: A Swiss missionary in Tibet in 1949 was among four Catholics beatified by the Pope. Maurizio Tornay resisted efforts by Buddhist monks to stop him from working with Catholics. Four monks killed Tornay. *(AP)*

Islanders vote

Colombo: More than nine million Sri Lankan voters are due to cast ballots today for 380 councillors to run seven of the country's nine provinces. It is the first test of public opinion since President Premadasa's assassination on May 1.

Double blow

Tehran: A young man alleged to have seduced 14 schoolgirls in Iran received 199 lashes and was exiled to a northern town for a year. Parents were advised to be more vigiliant. *(AFP)*

American university honours Thatcher

FROM TOM RHODES IN NEW YORK

AT WILLIAM and Mary College, a redbrick campus in the heart of colonial Williamsburg, Virginia, there was an air of excitement yesterday at the appointment of the university's new chancellor, Baroness Thatcher.

Named as the first ever female chancellor on Saturday, and the first British subject to hold the post since the American Revolution, Lady Thatcher will take up the honorary position for seven years on July 1, when she replaces Warren Burger, the retired US chief justice. The college, which sees the appointment of its 21st chancellor as something of a coup, has yet to announce plans for her installation, which will take place later in the year.

The post of chancellor, initially held by the Archbishop of Canterbury or the Bishop of London, was established when the college first gained its charter from William and Mary in 1693. Lady Thatcher, who this weekend expressed herself "both honoured and delighted to be seeing the work of this historic university", will be following an exalted coterie.

George Washington was the college's first American chancellor, but its former student body is even more impressive. Thomas Jefferson — class of 1762 — said of his professor of Mathematics at William and Mary: "It was my great good fortune and what probably fixed the destinies of my life."

Other alumni include four signatories to the Declaration of Independence, as well as presidents James Monroe and John Tyler. Lady Thatcher, an Oxford chemistry graduate, will be pleased to learn that, apart from its prestigious Institute of Early American History and Culture, the college boasts a particularly fine chemistry faculty.

US sex clubs immune from Aids debate

BY TOM RHODES

DENNIS deLeon, New York's human rights commissioner, disclosed this weekend that he was HIV positive. He had known of his condition for four years, but kept it a secret from all but a few colleagues.

The disclosure was made as President Clinton visited the city and as the long-running debate over gays in the military intensified. In spite of Mr Clinton's promise to rid America of discrimination, men like Mr deLeon are concerned that HIV is still viewed by many as a purely gay disease.

Howard Handler of Greenwich Village recently became the first rabbi here to declare himself a homosexual. His congregation has voted that his term should not be renewed when it runs out in five weeks. Mr deLeon is awaiting the response within the Human Rights Commission.

New York, with an estimated 200,000 HIV cases, maintains a veneer of political correctness over the disease. There are very few in public life who are prepared to voice the thought, which has once more gained credence in Britain, that the virus affects only high-risk groups.

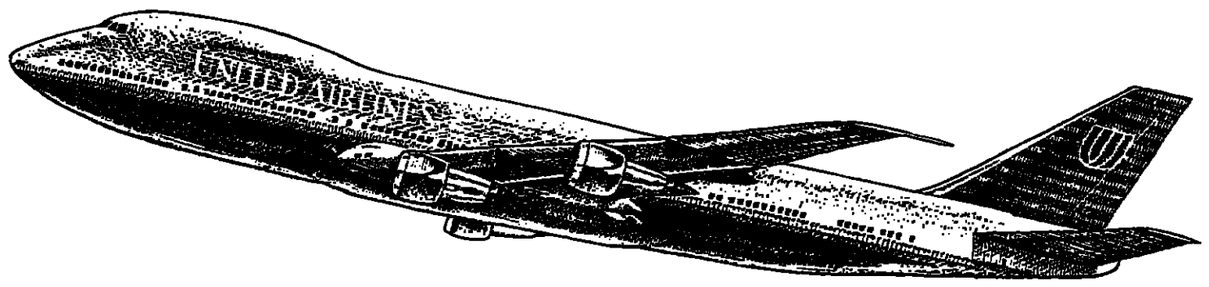
But it is apparent that a large percentage of New Yorkers consider Aids to be little or no threat. Although closed a decade ago, when the horrors of the virus were first made public, there are estimated to be 20 establishments featuring sex between men and women in the city.

These are not underground dens of iniquity, but haunts condoned in effect by the state. Visitors to Le Trapeze, New York's biggest and glitziest sex palace, arrive at the door and pay $90 (£60) per couple for an intimate evening with hundreds of strangers. The guests appear to be ordinary members of the middle classes.

The resurgence of clubs such as Le Trapeze has prompted the city to train health inspectors to visit them and "reasonably intervene", although quite what that means is uncertain.



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France hails school heroines who foiled 'human bomb'



Lesson in courage: Laurence Dreyfus, the nursery school teacher held hostage with her small charges, leaves her home hours after French police shot dead the gunman

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

WITH the sun drenching the quiet streets of Neuilly-sur-Seine, the people of the elegant Paris district gathered yesterday in the St James church, opposite the Charcot school, to give thanks for the liberation of their children and pay homage to two young women whose courage averted tragedy.

The names of Laurence Dreyfus, 30, and Evelyne Lambert, 26, the nursery teacher and the fire brigade doctor, have been added to the long roll-call of heroines who have saved the day throughout French history, from the Middle Ages to the wartime Resistance. Hailed by Charles Pasqua, the interior minister, for their "exceptional courage", he said both would be awarded the rank of Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur.

Details of the women's experience emerged yesterday as tributes flowed from ministers, the media and citizens. Both had found themselves face-to-face for 46-hours with Eric Schmitt, the self-described "human bomb".

Schmitt, 42, was ready, at an instant, to detonate two kilogrammes of dynamite he had placed around the classroom and wired to his fingers. An arms expert from his army service, Schmitt was an unemployed and divorced computer service technician.

He died instantly when two black-garbed officers of the elite police Research Assistance Intervention, Dissuasion (Raid) unit, ushered in by Dr Lambert, put three bullets in his head as he awakened at 7.25am on Saturday.

Mme Dreyfus, "Maîtresse-Courage", as she has been dubbed, is "a young mother whose incredible courage forces the respect of us all," *Le Journal du Dimanche* said yesterday. As Mme Dreyfus recovered with her husband and 20-month-old daughter yesterday, France learnt how the teacher, who only began work last autumn, calmed the children throughout their ordeal.

She depicted the masked "Monsieur" in their midst first as a man who had come to repair the heating and then as a "wolf-hunter". Dr Lambert, who was called in when Schmitt asked for a woman doctor at the start of the siege, said: "Laurence served as the buffer between the little girls and the kidnapper."

François Léotard, the defence minister, hailed the "immense bravery and self-abnegation" of Dr Lambert, a Dordogne native who graduated near the top of the class from the army medical school in Bordeaux last year. Dr Lambert spoke at length of the closing hours of the siege, when she had replaced Mme Dreyfus in the classroom.

■ Throughout a 46-hour ordeal, two young women out-manoeuvred an armed kidnapper and saved their infant charges by staying calm and behaving bravely

Schmitt was exhausted and suffering bouts of hallucination. She and the children kept tripping on the detonator wires which covered the floor. "We thought it was going to end badly. He seemed desperate ... he was polite, sometimes obsequious," she said.

Schmitt played with the children for three hours at one point, drawing pictures with them and explaining that police were "bad men" and "pirates" who would not give him "his" money.

Schmitt made Dr Lambert taste all the food brought into him and then waited 15 minutes before eating. As negotiations with ministers and police chiefs continued, he made Dr Lambert and Mme Dreyfus count out the millions of pounds which the authorities had given in part payment of the 100 million francs he was demanding.



Lambert: "we thought it was going to end badly"

Dr Lambert was briefed by the Raid team on their attack plan. By early Saturday morning, when negotiations had broken down, it was clear Schmitt was becoming exceptionally dangerous. They devised the plan from studying the room through tiny video cameras in the walls and a full-sized camera which Schmitt had installed for parents to see their children. At 7am Dr Lambert made sure that Schmitt was asleep, woke the children silently, one by one, and dressed them. She moved shelves which had been obstructing the two doors and took the children to the back of the room.

The Raid team moved in, throwing mattresses onto the children to shield them. Dr Lambert said she thought she saw Schmitt start from his sleep before he was shot, but police sources made clear officers had been ordered to "neutralise" him instantly, before he could wake and connect the detonator wires. The children saw nothing of the shooting and were playing again minutes afterwards.

Schmitt's neighbours described him as a kind, polite, shy "Mr Average". He was born in French Algeria the son of an accountant of Alsatian origin. Analysing his meticulous instructions and subsequent behaviour, psychiatrists defined him as a classic paranoid who believed he had a divine mission. The first evidence came with a bomb he detonated in Neuilly a week before the siege, with a warning that all France would soon take notice of him.

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Masked Raiders inspire new dread

BY CHARLES BREMNER

MASKED and dressed all in black, the Raid team, France's elite special police unit, imposed their fearsome image on the Neuilly school siege long before they moved in and killed Eric Schmitt, the gunman, and rescued six little girls early on Saturday.

Scaring the adversary is a key aspect of the unit, created in 1985 along the lines of Germany's anti-terrorist force, American police Swat teams and partly modelled on Britain's SAS. There was no doubt that, with the hostage-taker monitoring television and radio, Superintendent Louis Bayon, the Raid chief, intended his men to be highly visible around the Commandant Charcot school. They could be seen moving about, holding snipers' rifles on the rooftops and driving up in cars and unloading vans. Once a Raid officer dropped a gas grenade as he unloaded a van in front of television cameras.

Some commentators wondered whether such obvious firepower was really necessary in a hostage incident involving a lone criminal in a nursery school. According to the teacher and doctor in the classroom, the children at one stage thought the Raid officers were "bad men" and "pirates". The unit, which consists of just 90 men and is based at an airfield on the southwestern edge of Paris, emphasises that its aggressive tactics, which include helicopter assaults and storming of buildings, are only part of an armoury that embraces training in the psychology of hostage-takers, terrorists and other criminals.

On Saturday, two Raid officers managed to sneak in and kill Schmitt with silenced Berettas while six other officers each picked up a child and comforted her. "We were afraid of mishandling the kids," one officer said. "Many of us have kids, too, and we knew what they were going through. We grabbed them a bit roughly and they clung on to us. They were fantastic."

While Supt Bayon was presiding over negotiations with Schmitt on Thursday and Friday, his men were preparing an SAS-style operation, including rehearsals in the school grounds for breaking down the door and killing the hostage-taker before he could detonate the dynamite tied to his body and those placed around the classroom.

They were helped by having full information about classroom eight, thanks to visitors, listening devices and cameras with fibre-optic lenses the size of a pin-head that they had poked through the walls. When Schmitt called in a video camera to link parents with their children, a Raid officer fitted the equipment with a fish-eye lens which could scan most of the room.

Spanish polls give right a small lead

FROM EDWARD OWEN IN MADRID

THREE Spanish opinion polls published yesterday showed that the two main contenders for the general election on June 6, the ruling Socialists and the right-wing Popular Party, are still roughly neck and neck, with two papers giving the conservatives a slight lead.

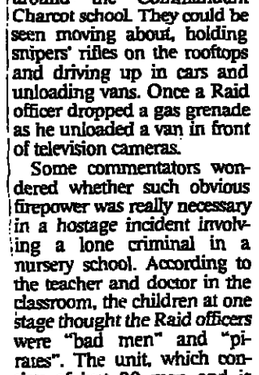
But the surveys were conducted before last week's "Black Thursday" when the government was forced to devalue the peseta by 8 per cent, the third cut in eight months. On the same day reports showed that unemployment was 3.3 million, an increase of 668,200 over the past year, and April's inflation was higher than forecast with a 0.4 per cent rise.

Also, whereas the polls give the two parties between 34 and 37 per cent of the vote, about half the balance is undecided. Felipe González, the prime minister, is still the most favoured individual. However, Miguel Roca, 53, an economist and the leader of the Catalan nationalist party, Convergence and Union, forecast to win about 5 per cent, has a respectable rating.

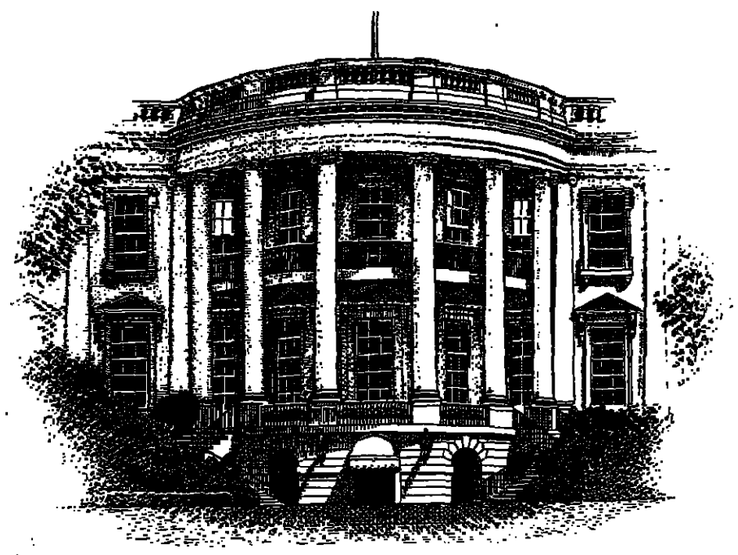
In exchange for greater economic independence for their regions, Señor Roca and the conservative Basque Nationalists (1.1 per cent), are expected to support the Socialists if King Juan Carlos asks Señor González to form a new government after June 6. Thus the Popular Party needs a greater swing in its favour if, after more than ten years in power, the Socialists are to be toppled.

In Majorca at the weekend, a weary-looking Señor González bravely told a rally of 6,000 that devaluation was not a disaster, although he had hoped to stave it off until after the elections. In Pamplona, José-Maria Aznar, the Popular Party leader, said the Socialists' economic policy was to blame.

Carlos Solchaga, the finance minister, counter-attacked and said it was Señor Aznar, who visits London today for talks with John Major and businessmen, who had rocked the boat by encouraging City predators to attack the peseta. Señor Aznar had revealed during a radio interview that Señor González had told him that the reserves of the Bank of Spain were very low. "It was like putting blood in front of a shark," commented Señor Solchaga.



González: still the most popular leader



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Clinton shrugs off cold snap in polls to hail economic spring



Clinton: marked shift from former pessimism

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton is stepping up his campaign to sharpen the focus of his administration back on domestic economic issues, after weeks of media criticism over his performance and falling poll ratings.

In his weekly Saturday radio address, normally an unnoteworthy occasion, the president gave a defiant and an unusually optimistic and confidence-boosting assessment about the American economy, proclaiming for the first time that "gridlock is on the way out" as "we all rejoice in this magnificent spring". Such tones are a marked shift from previous pessimism, a tactical ploy to press home the need for a stimulus package. The strategy backfired in that, not only was the stimulus package defeated through a Senate filibuster, but also in that it turned into a self-fulfilling prophecy.

As the president fought back, Ronald Reagan attacked President Clinton's administration over the planned abandonment of the Strategic Defence Initiative — the Star Wars programme — as part of wider military spending cuts. The former president said: "They have been all too eager to denounce this [SDI] programme for years and they have been proven wrong time and time again. I am quite proud of the programme we launched a decade ago. I feel it played an instrumental role in our victory over communism."

A *Time*-CNN poll this weekend, which showed 49 per cent of Americans disapprove of the president's handling of the economy, is considered to be more damaging even than the latest disastrous general approval rating, which was down 10 per cent to 45 per cent in one month according to a recent poll. The president's economic woes were highlighted particularly in a graphic cartoon in New York's *Newsday*, which juxtaposed a smiling candidate Bill Clinton with his much-quoted campaign slogan "The Economy, Stupid", with a brooding President Clinton in the White House, wondering about "The Stupid Economy".

■ The first mid-term correction of the young presidency is being watched intensely by Washington's pundits

The radio message focused almost entirely on the economy, as did Mr Clinton's news conference on Friday, during which he gave bad-tempered answers on questions concerning homosexuals in the military, or even Bosnia, answers which even the most talented television producers would not be able to turn into a soundbite.

The president talked at length about the economy and his satisfaction with the House of Representatives, whose ways and means committee last week approved his tax bill.

The New York Times saw "the first mid-term correction of this young presidency". Whether America is in for a "Comeback Kid, part two" is subject to intense debate among Washington pundits. Commentators caution that the comeback is more difficult for a president, because candidates deal with perceptions, while presidents have to take decisions.

But most of the change so far is about perceptions, not substance. The president is not expected to launch any substantive economic initiatives until at least next month, when Hillary Clinton and her health team are due to present the proposal for health care reform, an issue which, if correctly handled, can put Mr Clinton's presidency back on track. The other aspect about the president's U-turns concerns strategy. Among those are Mr Clinton's new willingness to strike deals and compromises with Congress, the lack of which was responsible for the defeat of the stimulus package.

Furthermore, he is taking back to the road, selling his policies in the streets and town halls, even launching new "initiatives", as he did last week in New York, where he promised to put $250 billion (£166 billion) in planned tax rises into a "trust fund", to ensure Americans that they were not being tricked, if they were asked to pay higher energy bills to cut the deficit.

Mr Reagan's attack came in an address to graduates of the Citadel Military College in Charleston, South Carolina, after he was awarded an honorary doctorate in military science. "I may not be a Rhodes Scholar but I do know this: if we can protect America with a defensive shield from incoming missile attacks, we should by all means do so," the former president said.

Mr Reagan also launched a wide-ranging criticism of the administration's plan to reduce the military budgets in the light of continued uncertainty and regional conflicts. He called on the new administration to "take a long hard look at the world", and warned against the notion that America is no longer at risk with the collapse of communism.

Turkish master of the art of survival takes over the helm

FROM ANDREW FINKEL IN ISTANBUL

SULEYMAN Demirel, seven times prime minister and the survivor of more than 30 years of Turkish politics, was elected president yesterday by a majority vote in parliament. He succeeds Turgut Ozal, who died last month.

Under the terms of the Turkish constitution, Mr Demirel must now resign from the True Path party which he led to victory in the polls in 1991. For a short time at least, the party will lose control of the prime minister's office. Mr Demirel's immediate successor will be Erdal Inonu, his deputy and head of the junior coalition partner. He will serve for an interim period of up to a month and half until the party elects a new leader. Mr Inonu's Social Democratic People's Party voted with the True Path party to give the new president 244 of a possible 450 votes.

The standing ovation which greeted the vote marks the final stage of a remarkable political recovery. The office of president, first held by Kemal Ataturk was, until Ozal took over in 1989, long regarded as the military's foot in the political door. The Turkish parliament's inability to elect a president in 1980 was one of the pretexts used by the military to turn Mr Demirel out of government, as it had on an earlier occasion in 1971.

Mr Demirel now risks the sort of criticism that he himself once levelled against Ozal, of exchanging the political fray with only minority support in the country for the seven-year sanctuary of the presidency. He had also accused Ozal of defying the constitution by being openly politically partisan and of ruling through a puppet prime minister to assume greater powers.



Demirel: skills learnt in 30 years of politics

The worry now is that government, already at a standstill since Mr Demirel announced his candidacy, will suffer more weeks of political indecision. With no obviously strong successor, Mr Demirel is likely to retain much of his influence, at least in the short term. The exception would be if his former colleagues choose Husamettin Cindoruk, a long-time associate and current speaker, but who openly criticised Mr Demirel's decision to become president.

The party is more likely to vote for Cavit Caglar, a self-made businessman who bankrolled Mr Demirel's political ambitions during the difficult years. More acceptable to the diplomatic community as well as Mr Inonu's party would be Ismet Sezgin, the minister of the interior.

A straw poll by one private television station shows overwhelming support for Tansu Ciller, an economics professor who, if elected, would become the country's first woman prime minister.



Troubled waters: Tam Dalyell, Labour MP, touring southern Iraq's marshes to investigate reports that Saddam is persecuting Shia Muslims

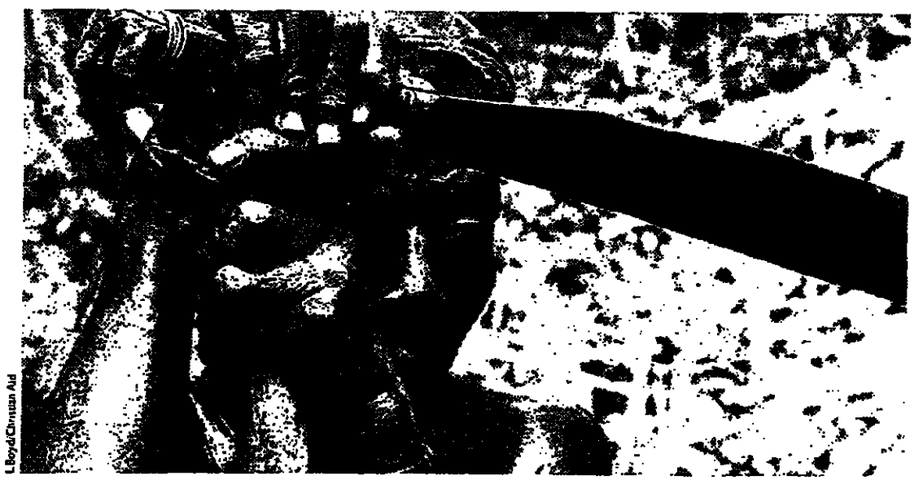
Saddam's currency tactic steps up pressure on Kurds

BY ANDREW FINKEL

KURDS, facing a catalogue of threats to the survival of their two-year-old enclave in northern Iraq, are now struggling to contain a collapse of their economy after the government of President Saddam Hussein had invalidated the 25-dinar note. The move wiped out the value of an estimated billion dinars (£28 million) in an area where many people cannot afford even basic commodities. Local anxieties have been further increased by the UN's inability through lack of funds to renew the mandate of the guards it stations throughout Iraq.

At the weekend Turkish foreign ministry officials met in Ankara to consider its response to an emergency which if, allowed to deteriorate, could prompt a repeat of the 1991 mass exodus into their country. One solution would be to make the north a Turkish lira zone, according to the foreign policy adviser to Suleyman Demirel, the Turkish president. Britain and the United States are expected to send an economic mission to the Kurdish area of Iraq. The panic and hoarding which greeted the abolition of the most common circulating note has to some extent been contained, officials said. Prices of basic commodities, which doubled overnight, have stabilised at 20 to 30 per cent higher. Yesterday Jordan's central bank was reported to be selling off the note for 1.3p.

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Saudi royals punish dissidents

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

SAUDI police have arrested the spokesman of a human rights committee banned last week, signalling a new repression of dissidents and posing fresh difficulties for Washington's Middle East policy.

Mohammed bin Abdullah al-Masaari, 47, a physics professor and son of the group's principal figure, was arrested at 2.30am on Saturday, hours after the group's six founders — scholars and lawyers — were dismissed from their jobs and their offices closed.

A statement from Liberty, the London-based human rights organisation, said that the younger Mr al-Masaari was "detained and taken to an unknown detention centre, and all books, papers, documents, correspondence and publications in his house were collected and seized by the security forces".

According to Saudi-based diplomatic sources, the short-lived watchdog group added to anti-royal sentiment by seeking increased democratic procedures in the country, an improved role for women and greater freedom of speech for radical Muslims.

☐ **Jerusalem:** Two Israeli merchants and their two Arab partners were killed in a drive-by shooting by Palestinian gunmen, capping a weekend of violence in the Gaza Strip (Richard Beeston writes).

In a move which could have negative repercussions on the stalled Middle East peace talks, the Palestine Liberation Organisation's Fatah group said it carried out the attack in the first joint operation of its kind with the militant Muslim group Hamas.

The shootings were followed by further disturbances in Gaza, where one Palestinian infant was killed and 20 people injured by Israeli security forces in the Jabalya refugee camp. On Saturday night, four Israeli soldiers were injured in a grenade attack, after an earlier incident in which 50 Palestinians were wounded by the army.

Suspected mastermind of plot to murder Slovo arrested

FROM RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

THE alleged mastermind behind a plot to assassinate Joe Slovo, the national chairman of the South African Communist Party, has been arrested. John Beck, 37, a divorced computer technician who lived in Johannesburg's northern suburbs, is expected to be charged with conspiracy to commit murder.

Mr Beck's arrest follows information given the police by Peter Psenak, 33, a Hungarian emigré. He had been approached to drive a getaway car after Mr Slovo was shot with a hunting rifle leaving his home in Observatory, Johannesburg, some day between May 15 and May 21.

Meanwhile, the fiery Ferdi Hartzenberg has been elected leader of the right-wing Conservative Party, the white parliamentary opposition, in succession to Dr Andries Treurnicht, who died last month. At a party congress at Verwoerdburg, outside Pretoria, on Saturday Dr Hartzenberg said it would continue to take part in constitutional negotiations but declared: "We are there with one goal — to negotiate for self-determination."

Today, at the same venue outside Johannesburg where the constitutional talks are being held, a panel of eight people headed by two judges will finish interviewing 86 applicants for the board of governors of the South African Broadcasting Corporation. The five-year term of the present 15-member board appointed by P. W. Botha, the former president, expired on March 31 and, under an agreement at the constitutional negotiations, a more representative one is to be selected.

Among the applicants are journalists, lawyers, businessmen, churchmen, the head of the national soccer league and Dr Willem de Klerk, brother of President de Klerk and a former newspaper editor. Political office bearers and civil servants are precluded.

Militant black students and teachers have delivered a rebuff to the African National Congress by voting to occupy unused or little-used white schools next Monday. Their decision underlines the gulf between the ANC and black youth that has grown since the murder of Chris Hani, the Communist leader.

In a further rebuff to the ANC, the South African Democratic Teachers Union announced after the conference that 65,000 teachers from black, mixed-race Coloured and Indian schools will also begin an indefinite strike from May 24 for a 25 per cent pay rise. They have been offered 5 per cent.

In townships near Pietermaritzburg, Natal, gunmen killed seven blacks in two attacks on Saturday. Men in balaclavas shot dead five people in the Edendale area, and two people were killed and 12 wounded when gunmen ambushed a bus taking Inkatha Freedom Party members home from a rally.

THE RIGHT TO LIFE: A TIMES /DILLONS DEBATE

WHAT are the rights and wrongs of abortion and euthanasia? Who has the right to decide? Ronald Dworkin, professor of law at New York and professor of jurisprudence at Oxford, leads this Times / Dillons debate: when do we have the right to end a life?

Author of *Life's Dominion*, Professor Dworkin will be supported in his "pro-choice" views by Dr Steve Jones, head of genetics and biometry at University College. Challenging them will be David Alton, MP, and Mary Kenny, the journalist and broadcaster.

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Blood-filled past guides Serb voters

FROM TIM JUDAH
IN PRIJEDOR
NORTHERN BOSNIA

■ In Prijedor, the epicentre of "ethnic cleansing", Serbs refuse to yield the land of their forefathers, which under the Vance-Owen plan would be in a Muslim province

KRISTINA Marceta, clad in black, said: "I voted for my children, of course. If the Muslims came here they would desecrate their graves. We have nowhere else to go but we cannot live with them."

They call her "Mother Marceta". The war has claimed three of her sons. Svodna, her village, is totally Serb, but under the terms of the Vance-Owen plan it would become part of a Bosnian Muslim province.

Bosnian Serbs turned out in force over the weekend to vote in the referendum called by their leaders to reject the Vance-Owen plan. Across the self-declared Bosnian Serb Republic the apparently well-organised poll ran smoothly and an overwhelming "no" vote is expected.

Ten miles to the east of Svodna, in the regional capital of Prijedor, Ilija Bencun also turned in a "no" vote. "I barely escaped with my life," he said, showing the form the Bosnian authorities had issued him on releasing him from prison in the overwhelmingly Muslim town of Zenica last year. "I was held for six weeks and beaten," said the retired fireman. "I was arrested because I was a Serb."

If the plan was implemented, Mr Bencun said that he had no doubt that he would lose his home once again. Like other Serb refugees, he lives in the house of a Muslim who has fled from Prijedor.

In Kozarac, eight miles east of Prijedor, voting was brisk. "There were 20,000 people here before the war, now there are 2,000, many of whom are Serb refugees," said Dusan Tadic, the head of the local referendum commission. The ruins of once Muslim Kozarac are strung out for more than ten miles along the main road.

"Only a hundred or so died on both sides," a soldier said cheerfully. "There was very little fighting."

If the Vance-Owen plan was implemented, those people brutally driven out of Kozarac might return. The Prijedor region was the epicentre of "ethnic cleansing" and detention camps in northern Bosnia



last year. Its prewar population was almost equally divided between Muslims and Serbs. Figures given by the local authorities indicate that 90 per cent of the Muslims have gone and 13,000 Serb refugees have arrived. Most Serbs have a one-word answer if you ask them whether their former neighbours might come back and Prijedor become part of a Muslim-dominated province. It is "no".

"We are brothers below Kozara, where mothers do not give birth to traitors." The line is inscribed on the memorial to thousands of partisans and their families who died fighting the Germans and their Croat allies in the second world war. After the Germans broke through Mount Kozara's defences, its people, including thousands of children, were carted off to concentration camps. The majority were Serbs. The monument at Mrakovica lies ten miles northeast of Kozarac's ruins.

"If we left this place, it would mean giving our grandfathers to the Muslims," said Ilija Sobot, an elderly armed guardian of the memorial. He stood under rain-drenched pines, surrounded by the bronze lists of 12,000 dead who are revered here.

In Prijedor, Milka said: "I voted against the plan because of our history." Vinko, from a village on Mount Kozara, who also voted "no" was taken to a concentration camp at the age of two by Croat fascists, aided by their Muslim auxiliaries. Ceda cried as he pulled out a photo of his son who died recently in battle. "No Vance-Owen plan can ever do anything for those who have lost their sons. We'd be cleared out of here if we accepted."

The rolls showed that the remaining Muslims in Prijedor were also voting. Ahmed went red with fear when asked how he had voted. "I voted 'no'. I live here, I have nothing else but my flat," he said.

The Prijedor region has been soaked in blood twice in little over 50 years. "This plan is bad so I will vote against it," said a woman. "But I'm leaving as soon as I can. I do not want my son to grow up here just to die in the next war."

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Frontline ballot: Bosnian Serb soldiers at Brcko in northern Bosnia, guarding the vital land corridor to Serbia, casting their votes in the referendum on the Vance-Owen peace plan under the watchful eye of a comrade

Muslims demand action by America

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU
IN WASHINGTON

TENS of thousands of mostly Muslim demonstrators rallied in front of the White House, calling for US military intervention in Bosnia and a lifting of the arms embargo.

The demonstration on Saturday was accompanied by another 100 smaller rallies across America, but they are unlikely to have much of an impact on the administration's increasingly cautious stance on Bosnia, especially after its European allies failed to rally round its proposals for air strikes against the Serbs and the lifting of the arms embargo against Muslims.

The rally, which began at Lafayette Park in front of the White House and ended at Capitol Hill a mile away, was organised by the Bosnia Task Force, USA, one of the main pressure groups urging military intervention. It claimed a turnout of 50,000 demonstrators, although police put the number at about 15,000.

Among the marchers were Yusuf Islam, the former pop singer Cat Stevens. Muhammad Ali, the former world heavyweight boxing champion, sent a message of support, expressing his view that Bosnian Muslims "should be able to get their own arms to fight off Serb forces". The wish for a lifting of the arms embargo was underlined by Yusuf Islam, who said that "even if you don't get the military involved, at least give the Muslims a right to defend themselves".

The lead banner carried a message which read "Grenada, Panama, Kuwait, Somalia, BOSNIA ... Where is America now?", and most slogans, such as "Bosnia is more deserving than Kuwait of US help", directly or indirectly called for American military intervention.

The demonstrators charged that the administration, through its continued inaction, was becoming an accomplice to genocide and that President Clinton would "get the message". But the demonstration is not expected to have much impact on official policy, or on public opinion, which remains firmly opposed to the use of US troops.

Moreover, in the list of White House priorities Bosnia has lost some of its urgency as Mr Clinton and his aides respond to criticism over the president's lacklustre performance by putting the focus back on the domestic agenda.

Snipers duel in a sideshow war

Croats stalk human prey in the hills

FROM MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT, IN VITEZ

HIGH up in the hills, covered in tall beech trees, the sniper war between the Croats and Muslims carries on regardless of the ceasefire between the so-called allies in Bosnia.

Following a British armoured Warrior up a steep muddy track to check on reports of "ethnic cleansing" in a village at the top of the hill, it was difficult to associate the scenes of peaceful farming with the sounds of war in the distance. Near the top, off the tarmac road above Busovaca, an hour's drive from Vitez, Croat HVO soldiers suddenly appeared from behind the trees cradling Kalashnikovs. Small, well-camouflaged dugouts were spread across the hillside hidden by the trees.

This was sniper country. Muslim snipers in the hills on the other side of the wood had killed an HVO soldier three days ago, the Croats told us. One picked up a round to show us. He said it was a soft-nosed bullet, capable of causing horrifying injuries.

At the top of the hill, in the village of Prosije, there were more Croat HVO soldiers but the houses were empty, the families driven away by the Muslims. There were mines in the cemetery, the chapel had been burnt down and tombstones lay shattered.

As the snipers mark up their daily hits, the real war of territorial seizures goes on throughout Bosnia. While the international community continues to talk of further peace plans and outside pressure, the big guns in this war, the Bosnian Serbs, are carving up the real estate. Deploying a pincer movement from the east and west in the Posavina valley in northeast Bosnia, heavy Serb artillery units are advancing to carve a huge territorial corridor across the north to link up with Serbia.

The tactical aim appears to be to forge a corridor wide enough to put the Bosnian Serb communities out of artillery range. Once that is achieved, they will be in a position to talk deals, but only under a Vance-Owen plan changed beyond recognition.

The most experienced military officers, who have served at the United Nations protection force (Unprofor) headquarters at Kiseljak since it was set up last year, are convinced that the Serbs are not going to give up an inch of the territory they have seized. Air strikes, they say, will achieve nothing. One officer pointed out that the Serbs had become adept at hiding their artillery and were using many dummies, like the Iraqis in the Gulf war. One known Serb gun position, set back off the side of a road, was moved and it took a week to discover that the artillery had been repositioned just yards away on the other side. "You would need a thousand air sorties a day to have any effect," an officer said.

The Serbs appeared to have two choices: to continue concentrating in eastern Bosnia in the areas round the Muslim enclaves of Srebrenica, Zepa and Goradze, or to sweep north to widen the Posavina corridor. Since two of the Muslim enclaves are now demilitarised, they calculated it was time to focus attention in the north. Many of their heavy guns are now in action in the Posavina corridor.

The Bosnian Croats and Muslims have sent brigades from Tuzla under joint command to the area to defend the territory against the Serbs. Intelligence reports claim that elements of the Croatian army are beginning to filter across the border in the north to join the fighting.

In central Bosnia, the alliance between Croats and Muslims continues to look fragile. Muslims are setting up positions in the hills north of Vitez. Croat HVO gun positions are appearing on high ground north and south of Travnik, eight miles west of Vitez, and rumours are rife that the Muslim town is soon to be attacked.

British commander admits the limits of force

BY MICHAEL EVANS

The day before Lieutenant Colonel Alastair Duncan took over command of the British camp in Vitez, he helped to remove the charred remains of a Muslim family, including a three-month-old baby, from a village torched by Croat soldiers.

While Lieutenant Colonel Bob Stewart of The Cheshire Regiment, his predecessor, had witnessed many atrocities during his command, the experience so soon in his six-month tour gave Lt Col Duncan a frightening glimpse of the savagery of this war. "I am convinced," he said, "that if the Cheshires had not been here for the last six months, there would have been slaughter on a much greater scale."

After less than a week in command, Lt Col Duncan has already warned local Croat and Muslim militia commanders that he intends to watch very closely for any sign of further "ethnic cleansing" in the area for which he is responsible. He reminded them that war crimes investigators are searching for evidence. "The commanders said it was just the extremists involved but they know we are watching."

Commanding the 1st Battalion, The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire (PWO), he is determined to be as robust as his predecessor in escorting aid through to the thousands of refugees here.

However, like Lt Col Stewart, much of his energy is going to be spent in "power projections", deploying his heavily armoured Warrior fighting vehicles into Muslim and Croat towns, up to the most inaccessible mountain villages, to try and



Duncan: 'clout can be quite intimidating'

maintain peace between communities.

"It's a sad ethos," he said, "but clout is respected and it can be quite intimidating when several Warriors turn up. They project power."

However, he said there were many steps that could be taken before resorting to force. "Military force is a very blunt instrument and you have to be clear what you want to achieve and what will be the ramifications."

For the moment, the Bosnian Serbs are not his greatest problem. "The real problem is in this valley here from Turbe in the southwest to Kiseljak (20 miles west of Sarajevo), where ethnic cleansing by Croats and Muslims is going on. There's a terror campaign under way and my worry is that it's going to turn very nasty.

"If it blows up again between the Croats and Muslims, a lot of people are going to be killed and we can't give aid to dead people."

The 40-year-old commander is divorced with two sons, aged 14 and 17. He works long hours each day, allowing himself to relax only from about 10 o'clock at night. The initial impression is of a very serious man but this proves to be false. "Someone told me I never smiled recently but it happened to be on the same day that I came across the remains of that family that had been slaughtered (in a village southeast of Vitez). So I didn't feel like smiling."

He was awarded an OBE for his last tour in Northern Ireland. Several others battalion members received awards for the same tour, which ended last May.

Asked about possible outside military intervention, he said: "All the military advice that I have seen reported is against air strikes, but that's up to the politicians.

"What I'm very confident about is that British politicians are 100 per cent concerned about the safety of the troops out here. That's crystal clear in my mind."

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An explosion in part-time jobs for women has disturbing implications for the future. **Margot Norman** reports

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A woman's place: factories have traditionally relied heavily on a female workforce, but increasingly today the jobs are part-time — which usually means lower pay and little or no pension

No jobs for the boys

It will soon be time to have two minutes' silence for Essex man. For if the recession knocked the stuffing out of the Basildon Braggadochio, it looks as though the recovery may do for him altogether.

The salient feature of the early 1990s labour market appears to be the replacement of full-time jobs for the boys by part-time jobs for the girls. Essex and Sussex already had more women than men in work when the September 1991 census was taken, and the employment survey published last week by Incomes Data Services (IDS) concludes that recovery will accelerate the shift towards a much larger part-time female workforce. The recent spate of company announcements about replacing full-time jobs with part-time ones from, among others, the Burton Group, BhS and British Airways have not yet registered in the statistics, but the pattern is already clear enough on the ground.

If a Martian were to wander today through the smart 1980s office blocks of Chelmsford and Southend, he could be forgiven for thinking the country was at war: he'd find some untenanted and the others filled with a host of female clerks. Where, he'd ask, are the men? Friday's front pages, with their photographs of gritty men in oily overalls pouring out of the Swan Hunter shipyard on Tyneside, would seem to provide the answer.

It shocked me to realise just how dated those pictures looked. They were snapshots from the album of the great industrial shake-out, when the men in grand old dirty industries said farewell to the noisy barns and holes in the ground that had contained them for generations.

There are now fewer jobs in manufacturing and energy supply than at any time since the industrial revolution, and the IDS experts tell us their numbers are falling and will continue to fall as the rising number of part-time jobs, mainly in the service sector, continues to give us the impression that unemployment is falling.

Now I know there's no absolute rule that men shall work full-time and women part-time, and I know there *is* an absolute rule that men and women shall be paid the same for work of equal value, but I can't help noticing that male unemployment stands at 14.1 per cent, the highest level since the 1930s, while female unemployment is 5.6 per cent and falling, and that although the number of women in work now virtually equals the number of men, nearly half of those women and very few of those men are in part-time jobs. I also notice that those part-time jobs never pay, pro rata, as well as the full-time ones. And most of them carry little or no pension.

Siren voices have for years been telling us to look forward to the day when we can throw off the yoke of the puritan work ethic, labour 20 hours a week and spend the rest in leisure, but that is not how it appears to be shaping up. It may be gratifying to find working patterns changing so that women can juggle work and domestic responsibilities more easily — even if that is the result of a shortage of young workers, rather than a response to feminist pressure — but the gloss rather goes off if it points to a future in which the men play dominoes in the conservatory while the women bustle around being both breadwinner and breadmaker. That's supposed to be the pre-industrial, not the post-industrial, society.

It makes me uneasy to see a government advertising campaign to improve the take-up of family credit coincide with announcements from British Airways et al about switching to part-time jobs. Those personnel directors are not daft. They can see perfectly well that if they pitch the level of wages and the number of hours right, they can subvert what was intended to be a flexible and sophisticated tool to spring families out of the poverty trap and turn it into a hidden wages subsidy.

The current government campaign alerts people on social security benefits to the fact that, instead of working for only a few hours at rock-bottom rates as, say, school dinner ladies, they may be able to do 16 or 17 hours a week at something better paid and more skilled, such as secretarial work, and still claim family credit on top of their other benefits. This well-intentioned benefit is expensive; at the moment, 450,000 families are claiming £864 million. I'm prepared to bet that it will turn out to be a very expensive benefit indeed as the recovery proceeds.

The pension implications of this explosion in part-time work are making the Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) very uneasy indeed. Looking ahead, all that the EOC pensions experts can see is a big, black, unfunded hole. Speaking personally, all I know about pensions is that I should have thought about the subject long ago. I speak from a boat overloaded with women who stopped full-time work to raise children, went on working part-time and then realised that in the long term they would have been better off stopping work altogether and later resuming it full-time. Occupational pensions schemes, which depend on length of service and high pay rates, do not register those low-paid years in the final benefits.

The male/female pension differentials are extraordinary. The average occupational pension for a man is £61 a week compared with £30 for women, according to an EOC survey. This also found that the average retired married woman gets only £36 a week compared with £111 for the average retired married man, and that only 15 per cent of women are able to claim the full state pension, even though there are many thousands among the other 85 per cent who have worked for virtually all of their adult life.

Too late, these women find that even if they work on to 65 their contributions will be inadequate for the full state pension. Although the EOC cannot quite phrase it that way, the sub-text of its pensions advice to women has to be: "Hang on to your husband and make sure you're glued to his side when the music stops!"

Obviously that advice would have to be updated if the menfolk are going to spend their days playing dominoes and the women are going to be earning too little to fund a proper pension. Even the divorce rate will become irrelevant in that context.

The snag is that I suspect the professionals, the lawyers, accountants, technocrats and even bureaucrats, who these days are working harder than ever in a rarified atmosphere of high equal pay and equal pensions, may not even have got around to thinking about these awkward questions that will affect most citizens. The gap opening up between them and poor old Essex man is potentially vast. In Germany, where they spend a larger proportion of the national income on pensions than we do, and have more employment protection than us and a markedly smaller proportion of women in the workforce, the debate on pensions and care for the elderly has become so acrimonious between employers and employed that the only safe thing to do politically appears to be to leave it unresolved for as long as possible.

In this country, the sparks have barely begun to fly.

Hail the unsung hero

I had a car full of children on Saturday morning, listening excitedly to the end of the Paris nursery school siege. They discussed the dynamite, the vanful of money, the craziness of Eric Schmitt and how the children must have wondered when it would be home-time. But when I mentioned that Laurence Dreyfus stayed on even when she had the chance to leave the police paediatrician in charge and go home to her own baby, there was a silence of blank incomprehension. "Well, of *course* she stayed," said one ten-year-old at last. "She was the *teacher*."

The child was gloriously right. He knows a thing or two about primary school teachers. It is understandable that the prime minister should embrace Mme Dreyfus and give her the Légion d'honneur; but it should not obscure the fact that she only did what any good teacher would do. She thought of the children first. She explained away the gun, involving "*le monsieur*" in a game about frightening off "*le loup*" [wolf]. She smiled, supervised naps and food, and presumably wiped noses and helped with dungarees in the lavatory. She did her duty.

To say so does not diminish her, but it gives the profession a due it rarely receives. Mme Dreyfus would probably prefer it that way: one does not, after all, become a nursery teacher if one suffers from yearnings for celebrity. After a few days' pursuit by an emotional press, she may think even more unkindly of Schmitt than she does now.

PC Trevor Lock certainly felt that way. He



LIBBY PURVES

was the London policeman caught in the Iranian embassy siege of 1980. A year later, he talked to me about how disconcerting it is to be an ordinary, modest person in these circumstances. He was, in his own phrase, a Dixon of Dock Green policeman. He spent most of the siege worrying that it was in some way his fault for being out of his depth. Meanwhile, he did his job, keeping the mood of terrified hostages and excitable gunmen level. It worked. Being a good hostage is always a holding operation, for which the authoritative qualities of a teacher or a mature copper are ideal. Leaping heroically through windows is best left to trained men in balaclavas.

For him, as for Mme Dreyfus, heroism and professionalism came to the same thing (not that it is an easy thing): communicating calm and normality, kindness and sense, even when your heart is beating double-time. Both undoubtedly saved lives. But the best thing the Met did for PC Lock was to ward off the interviewers and hide him in the Mounted Division for a while, grooming horses. I hope that Mme Dreyfus can arrange her playdough-table in future without long lenses watching. She was an ordinary teacher who rose to an extraordinary challenge.

Many others have, and do: the teachers of the Warsaw ghetto who travelled with their charges to the death camps 50 years ago, so that the children should not be frightened; Iraqi Kurds today who trek through the mountains leading bewildered orphans to safety. All wars, all disasters, have unsung ordinary heroes who want a quiet life afterwards. In honouring Mme Dreyfus, we should remember — and glory in remembering — that there are legions of others to honour, too.

Tomorrow, capture a piece of history.



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Flood of bitterness

The smashing of the Möhne and Eder Dams by Guy Gibson and his Lancasters is regarded by the British, 50 years on, as an act of great derring-do, a fruitful coalition of inventive engineers and brave young pilots.

The Germans, by contrast, are beginning to regard the Dam Busters as little short of war criminals. The shattering of the dam, runs this revisionist version, massacred over 1,000 civilians and served little if any military purpose.

This is part of a more general realignment of German wartime history. Since unification the Germans' need to accept British or American versions of the war has given way to a more assertive and critical approach. The German outrage about the statue to Arthur "Bomber" Harris was also a symptom of how history is being recast. In the east, German academics are pressing Polish and Czech historians to admit that grave crimes were committed against the Germans when they were forced to leave the Sudetenland and western Poland after the war.

The Dam Busters barely figure in German textbooks. But the Germans who gathered at the Möhne dam yesterday regard the bombing as a wartime atrocity. At least 1,200 civilians died in the flood. Herr Klaus Schulte, whose mother worked in the local hospital, remembers how those days in mid-May 1943 became a mess of mud and blood. "The trucks came to the hospital in Fröndenberg and unloaded the corpses that had been fished out of the flood waters. The orderlies washed the bodies, shattered and disjointed by the force of the water, and tried to rearrange them into human form before people arrived to identify their relatives." Herr Schulte described how some locals scrambled up the hillside in a hopeless race against rising torrents. The local church disappeared in the flood. So, too, did a forced labour camp, wooden barracks that housed several hundred Ukrainian women who had been deported from their homes to work on German farms. The Ukrainian women sprinted as the dam broke but became tangled on the barbed wire.

Where nobody will be humming the Dam Busters theme today



Dam Busters aircrew

'Production of weapons was not interrupted even for a day'

The most significant part of the German case for reconsidering the Dam Buster operation is not the number of civilian casualties but that the attack failed to cause major disruption to heavy industry. Ten days after the British attack the local reservoirs had gathered about 960,000 cubic metres of water, only 40,000 less than on May 16. Production in the giant steel and weapons factories was not interrupted even for a day. Water reserves in other valleys were sufficient to keep the factories of the Ruhr running until the dams were repaired on September 23. Some 7,000 men — almost all slave labourers from Poland, Ukraine and Russia — worked for four months to plug the hole. Many of them died of exhaustion.

Albert Speer, armament minister under Hitler, wrote in his memoirs that he could not understand why the British split their bomber force, sending some planes to the Eder dam, which "never had the slightest role in supplying water to the Ruhr". British intelligence, he argued, should instead have targeted the Sorpe dam. Partly because the Germans could not imagine how English bombers would be able to negotiate the valley, but also because the dams were not regarded as particularly crucial, the defences around the Möhne lake were scaled down in March 1943: only light artillery and the torpedo net remained.

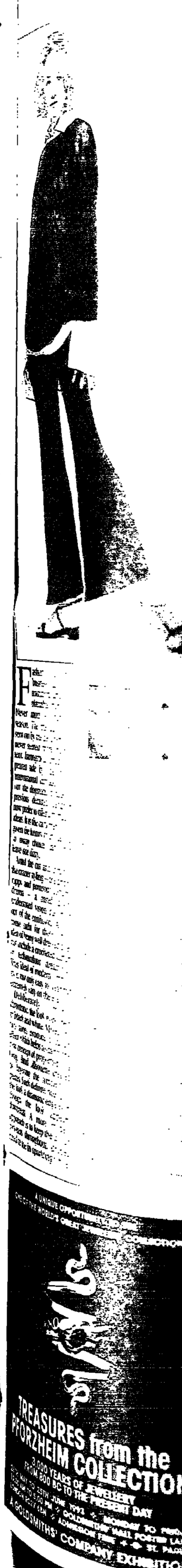
The Dam Buster operation was, of course, intentionally a propaganda victory for the British. Yet even this backfired to some extent. A highly imaginative report in *The Daily Telegraph* declared soon after the raid that there was "a state of emergency in the Ruhr. Mines and factories have come to a standstill ... the air-raid shelters in Dortmund are flooded". The official Wehrmacht report compiled on May 17 took a rather different tack, noting the raid at the end of a rather dull inventory: "Weak British air units threw a small quantity of explosives on a few places. Two dams were damaged setting off floods that caused heavy civilian losses."

Fifty years later, the Wehrmacht analysis seems closer to the mark than *The Daily Telegraph* account. But worse was to come. The British press unwittingly played into the hands of the Nazi propaganda machine. The *Daily Mail* on May 18, 1943, suggested — on the basis of air ministry sources — that a German Jewish émigrée had provided vital information for the raid. Propaganda minister Josef Goebbels seized on the report, reproduced it in full and issued an accompanying statement to be printed in all German newspapers: "This report confirms that the attack on the dam was a Jewish inspired crime." The Germans, he suggested, should draw the necessary conclusions. Sure enough, the murderous campaign against the Jews was stepped up.

Even German writers acknowledge that the raid involved some remarkable flying and some shrewd invention on the part of Barnes Wallis. But you will not find anybody humming the Dam Busters theme in Germany today.

ROGER BOYES

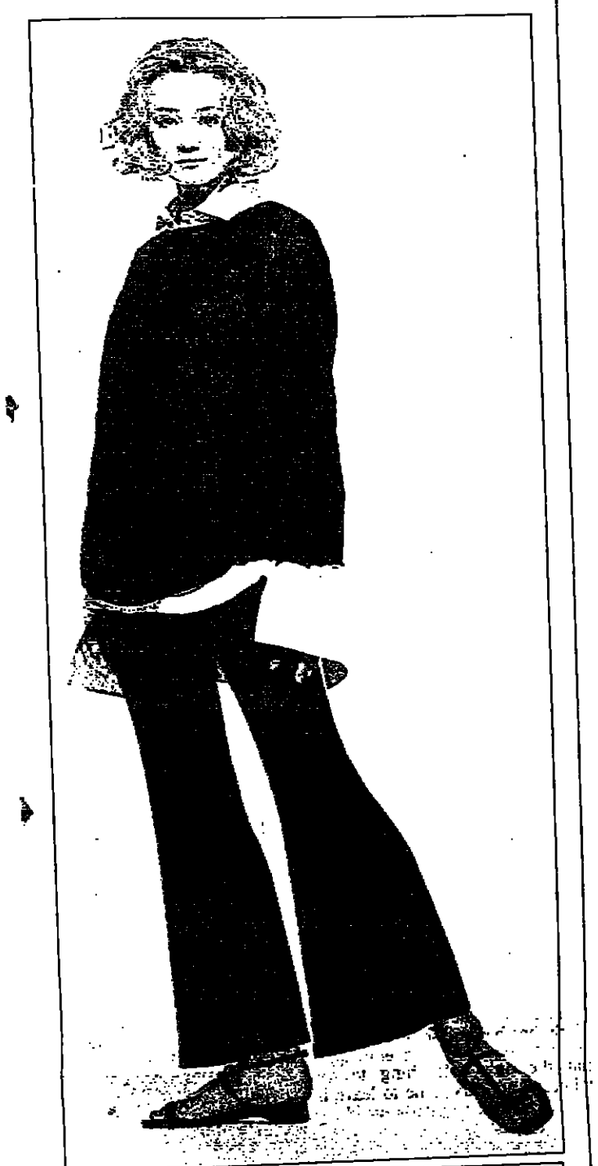
Simple, stylish sass



TREASURES from the PRZEMYSL COLLECTION
3,000 YEARS OF JEWELLERY FROM 800 BC TO THE PRESENT DAY
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Whether very young or over 30, a summer of glorious freedom beckons as grunge grows up

Simple, stylish, sassy









Fashion

IAIN R. WEBB

Fashion is a curious business, full of contradictions and unexplainable paradoxes. Never more so than this season. The messages being sent out by the designers have never seemed more inconsistent. Incongruous images appeared side by side on the international catwalks. Without the dogmatic dictates of previous decades, designers now prefer to offer a myriad of ideas. It is the customer who is given the luxury of choice, but so many choices can often leave one dizzy.

Amid the cut and thrust of the crazier styling — the drippy hippy and pompous costume drama — a pared down, understated vision has risen out of the confusion. A welcome sight for those whose idea of being well dressed does not include a crocheted caftan or technicolour dreamcoat. This ideal of modern simplicity is not only easy to wear but extremely easy on the eye.

Deliberately monochromatic, the look works best in black and white. Mixed, the two tones produce a cut-up effect which helps to clarify the new concept of proportion — a long, fluid silhouette created by layering the simplest of pieces. Such definite hues give the look a dramatic edge even though the look appears downbeat. A more modest approach is to keep the colour constant throughout, draped head to toe in sparkling white, or shrouded in black. The layers still work, due to the flow of the softer fabrication — linens, voiles, chiffons, slinky knits, and stretch cottons — although the overall effect is somewhat less obvious.

Albeit a perfect fit for the over-thirties, the essence of the look steals much from the very young who manage to pull clothes together apparently without thought or care for the outcome. It is this free-thinking attitude which is shaping fashion in 1993, and, having already been shown a glimpse of the future at the Autumn/Winter collections, will take fashion onwards into 1994.

A refined hybrid in itself, the look owes much to the doctrine of grunge, and even, in spirit, to the droopy disposition of the hippy generation. The headlines may now scream with other news, but the shock waves of grunge will be felt for a very long time. Its very existence, not to mention the furore with which it was feted, heralds a moment of freedom in fashion where the carefully considered and uptight is usurped by a more lackadaisical attitude.

If the very notion makes you feel uncomfortable, think again. It may indeed take time to get used to leaving shirt tails and cuffs flapping in the wind, or doing away with the trappings of noticeable glamour, but how much easier could a summer wardrobe be? Without having to think about it, it is possible to pull together numerous looks with the minimum of effort. A few correct components can be interchanged to give endless options. Getting those elements exactly right is the hard part.

All you really need to take you through the summer months is a linen pyjama suit (a softly constructed jacket and drawstring pants); a pair of flared stretch trousers (Marks & Spencer are spot on with the most accessible, comfortable and cost effective pair available); an ankle skimming stretch dress; a traditional white shirt with double cuffs; a black shirt (most useful if cut in a filmy fabric), and two sweaters — one smaller in size, and one in a slinky rayon knit adding just a touch of glamour. Such a painless approach to dressing has a liberating effect during the holiday months, echoed by an equally lazy beauty routine.

Hair no longer needs to be coiffed, and the make-up statement of the moment is all about no-make-up. The time saved this summer not worrying about what to wear can be put to better use. Like having fun.

ABOVE
Sleeveless black lycra dress, £65, Marie Helvin, (071-637 8806). Off white button shoulder rib sweater, £95, Whistles, 12-14 St Christophers Place, W1; Fenwicks, New Bond St, W1. Black satin ankle strap sandals, £210, Robert Clergerie, 67 Wigmore Street, W1

LEFT
White linen pyjama suit, £180, Margaret Howell, 29 Beauchamp Place, SW3; 24 Brook Street, W1. Black chiffon frayed cuff blouse, £120, Idol, 15 Ingestre Place, W1; Whistles by Night, 28 St Christophers Place, W1

FAR LEFT
White double cuff cotton shirt, £35, Blazer, nationwide stores, (081-749 1251). Black rayon knit sweater, £165, Joseph, 26 Sloane St, SW1; 28 Brook Street, W1; 77 Fulham Rd, SW3. Black jersey flares, £19.99. Marks & Spencer, available from selected stores nationwide (071-935 4422). Black patent strappy flat sandals, £99, Robert Clergerie, 67 Wigmore St, W1 (071-935 3601)

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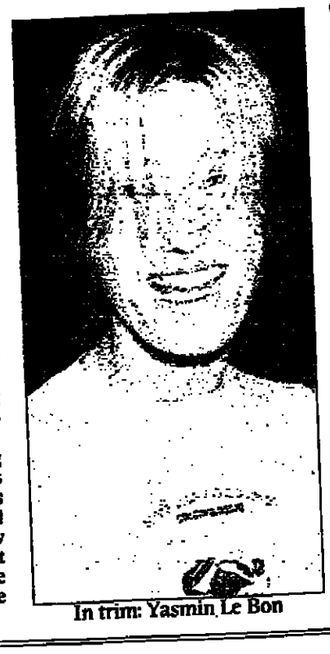
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HOTLINE

Winning by a short head

YASMIN Le Bon, the model, has opted for a crop. Her new hairstyle is a variation on the very modish feather cut, as sported by supermodels Amber Valetta and Emma Balfour. Sarah Stockbridge, Vivienne Westwood's favourite muse, has also decided on a shorter hairstyle. Her long, blonde curls have been shorn in favour of a skinhead. A great many models are now choosing the crop as the long-overdue alternative to mane-like hair.

Big hair is very rarely seen gracing the pages of the glossies: glamour is temporarily out and short and easy is in. The seventies hairstyles of David Bowie, Jane Fonda and Mia Farrow have been used for inspiration, but for the nineties hair is cut to create texture. Fine wisps frame the face and colour is used to accent shape.



In trim: Yasmin Le Bon

● MAY madness seems to have gone to the heads of leading milliners. Philip Treacy, Philip Somerville, Graham Smith, Joan Biggs and Siggi were given a theme of "enchanted gardens" for a series of exclusive one-off hats to be shown at Harrods next week. The results can be seen on Wednesday in the International Designer Room. Seats for the shows, which will take place at 12.30, 2.30, 4.30 and 6pm, may be reserved free of charge on 071-225 5634.

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● THE Royal College of Art has for the first time opened its doors to welcome members of the public interested in viewing the yearly MA fashion show. Tickets are priced at £10 each and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Apply in writing only to Margaret Manley, Textiles and Fashion Department, Royal College of Art, Kensington Gore, London SW7 2EU, with a crossed cheque made payable to Royal College of Art (Fashion Show). Include a stamped, addressed envelope. The show, which lasts just over an hour, will contain the work of 30 final-year fashion and textile students. The shows have a reputation for launching the careers of many luminaries, notably Philip Treacy and The New RenaisCAnce, Timney Fowler and the Emmanuels.

● AS part of the celebrations for the Laura Ashley fortieth anniversary, Luton Hoo, in Bedfordshire, will provide the setting for a ball. Organised in aid of the charity Birthright, the ball will take place on Saturday, June 5, at 7pm. The evening is black tie and tickets cost £65. For further details, or to book a ticket, telephone 0873 812120.

Matthew Parris



■ What happens to a man who does not smoke when he tries to get addicted to nicotine patches?

The other evening I did a very foolish thing. But let us begin at the beginning.

I have always wanted to try being addicted to something. On the principle that you should try everything once, except incest and the later works of Stephen Sondheim, it has seemed a serious gap in my knowledge that a problem which afflicts millions and on which we all love to moralise lies right outside my own experience. What does it *feel* like to be an addict?

I have no inkling. When it has seemed that drinking is becoming too much of a habit I have given it up for a few months — if only to check that one can. One can. You miss a lot of fun of course, but, if you've said you won't do something — well, you just don't, do you? Why would you do something if you've decided you won't do it? I simply cannot see.

People say they can't resist chocolates, but if you told them there was arsenic in the chocolate they were about to eat, would they eat it? I think not. So what do they mean when they say they "cannot" resist? I wonder whether the word "addicted" might be one of those words which people use because everybody else does, wrongly assuming that some expert at least must know what it means. One day we may all discover that nobody knew what it meant all along. Like the 18th-century scientists' "phlogiston", the concept is empty. The emperor has no clothes, or, rather, the clothes have no emperor.

"Addiction", like "forgiveness" or "faith", is a word that other people use and which I have learnt to use as a blind man uses the terminology of sight: but it remains, for me, without content.

And it is not for want of trying. I tried hard with cigarettes, but they just made me cough. At Cambridge in the Sixties, when everyone was smoking marijuana, this was a serious social disadvantage. Unlike Bill Clinton, I did inhale. An uncontrollable coughing fit was the result.

At Yale I tried cocaine (which was pleasant) and LSD (which was not) but neither made me feel I had to have more. Later, when I was jogging 100 miles a week, I did become conscious, whenever taking a break from training, of a powerful physical desire to resume exercise; and recently, having been stung innumerable times by nettles while working outside, I have caught myself enjoying the tingling wrists and seeking, rather than avoiding, another sting. But these pleasures are quite resistible. Addiction still eludes me.

And then I heard about Nicorette patches. There was some concern that ex-smokers might become dependent upon the nicotine patches themselves after they had helped them to give up cigarettes. And I thought: how interesting to be the first person to become addicted to the patches directly, without passing through a smoking addiction on the way — for who wants lung cancer?

I resolved to try. My friend Charles sold me one of his patches. He said it was a strong one, equivalent to about 40 cigarettes. It certainly cost enough. I put the packet in my pocket and forgot about it.

Later that week I went out to dinner with Richard and Paul. The subject of nicotine patches arose and I remembered I had still not tried mine. Retiring to the bathroom, I applied the patch — as directed — to an area of soft, hairless skin. I chose the small of my back.

I returned to the dinner table. The wine flowed freely and I forgot all about it. I drank a glass or two more than I should, but no more than I am used to. I have a good head and am never ill.

> 'At Yale I tried cocaine and LSD but neither made me feel I had to have more'

Two hours later it was time for the guests to depart. I rose. I fell down again. Or, rather, it became instantly clear that, were I to remain standing, I should pass out. You know the feeling, as the blood drains from your head and you realise you'd better sit down fast? It was like that.

Not wishing to make a fool of myself, I said nothing. I've never fainted in my life, and did not this time. Instead, sitting with my head lowered somewhat, as though deep in thought, I struggled to retain consciousness. Unobserved by the others who were walking down the passage to the front door, I crawled into the loo, and lay on the floor. I did not want to take the patch off, as that seemed a sort of defeat.

I was violently sick. I took the patch off. I could hear my heart thumping hard and fast. I crawled to the door, managed to crawl back to the sofa before Richard returned, and lay on it. "Gosh, Richard," I gasped in as normal a voice as I could manage, "I'm totally whacked. Can I just crash out on your sofa for the night?"

I think I must have passed out at that point. When I awoke next morning, a duvet had been placed over me and someone had done the washing up. I remembered that I had flushed the patch down the loo.

Foiled again! And it wasn't even any fun while it lasted. I must try again with a smaller patch, applied, perhaps, to an area of not-so-soft skin. I shall keep you posted.

Unconventional choices are needed for the next reshuffle, writes **Peter Riddell**

Will Major break the cabinet closed shop?

John Major has few options as he thinks about reshuffling his government. He can replace his Chancellor with one of a number of other Cambridge graduates of the early 1960s, rather as Harold Wilson juggled Oxford graduates of the 1930s and 1940s. The speculation about who is in or out, up or down, is endlessly diverting and could have some, probably slight, impact on the Tories' fortunes. But it barely addresses Mr Major's central predicament: how to refresh and reinvigorate the government after so long in office.

The present system is the enemy of freshness and choice. Selection of ministers is limited mainly to existing members of the Commons. As Ben Pimlott writes, with only slight exaggeration, in his biography of Lord Wilson: "Parliament is a tiny talent pool, without much talent in it, from which governments of several score ministers are drawn. Anybody representing a major party who enters the Commons, with even a modest amount of vigour and judgment, is likely to achieve prominence sooner or later, if he or she so chooses."

The conventions applied to ministerial careers are almost as rigid and unimaginative as those of the England cricket selectors. People serve an apprenticeship on the back benches, then as a parliamentary private secretary, before moving up from whip to under-secretary to minister of state, before entering the cabinet. It is very hierarchical with promotion on the basis of solid effort, especially in the Commons, rather than inspiration. Of the present 20-member cabinet, only Douglas Hurd has not served as an under-secretary; and that was because he entered the Commons in 1974 when the Tories were in opposition.

If you are not picked off the backbenches within a few years of entering the Commons, you are highly unlikely to be chosen later. Mr Major has, however, been slightly more adventurous than Baroness Thatcher. After the 1992 election, he appointed four long-serving backbenchers of the pre-1979 vintage, including Jonathan Aitken and Tony Nelson, who had seemingly been passed over. But these are exceptions.

Moreover, if you fall off the ministerial ladder, you seldom have a chance to climb back. The assumption is that you have one opportunity to be a minister and, when it is over, that is it. You are never going to be a minister again. Only seven of the 85-strong government team in the Commons have had their ministerial careers interrupted by a time on the back benches. In Peter Brooke's case it was for just over five months. Michael Heseltine's nearly five-year exile was self-inflicted and his return was in exceptional circumstances, while Sir Hector Munro's return to office after 11 years was because of a shortage of Scottish MPs suitable to become ministers.

The result is extremely wasteful. Ministers are tried and then discarded, while those who survive are in danger of becoming exhausted and isolated. Eight of the present cabinet have been in office continuously for the past 14 years. In the long distant era before one-party rule the electorate provided the necessary stimulus by voting for a change of government. That gave a chance for even the most senior figures to look at life from outside Whitehall, listen to new ideas and refresh themselves. New talent had a chance to come forward. That external discipline no longer applies, for the moment.

Mr Major is in danger of having the worst of all worlds. Not only does he have an inner core of tired, perpetual ministers, but his room for manoeuvre is limited by the upheavals of recent years. The forced resignations and decisions to spend more time with their families of some ministers during the late Thatcher years have robbed the cabinet of heavyweights. Mr Major feels that one or two ministers might have been dropped from the cabinet prematurely. The result has been rapid promotion for others and a lack of middle ranking ministers obviously deserving entry to the cabinet, such as, say, Kenneth Clarke and Kenneth Baker in the mid-1980s. There are *some* promising ministers of state, but the junior and middle ranks of the government do not sparkle.

The prime minister has a predictable choice if he wants to replace his Chancellor — as is now being strongly urged by Tory party managers. But, otherwise, he should think unconventionally. Some people dropped from the government in the 1980s might be better ministers now, after that setback and with greater experience. David Howell is a classic example of someone who was not really successful as a cabinet minister before 1983, but has gained greater authority on the back benches and might now be more effective in government than he was. Sir Norman Fowler has gained political authority since he voluntarily stepped down in January 1990. While the Tory party machine is still in the middle of reorganisation, he is likely to return to the cabinet next year with greater influence. There are also examples of former junior ministers who were dropped, or lost their seats and have returned, who could be given a second chance. By contrast, some existing ministers might benefit from a spell on the back benches, however much they might resent being dropped in the short-term.

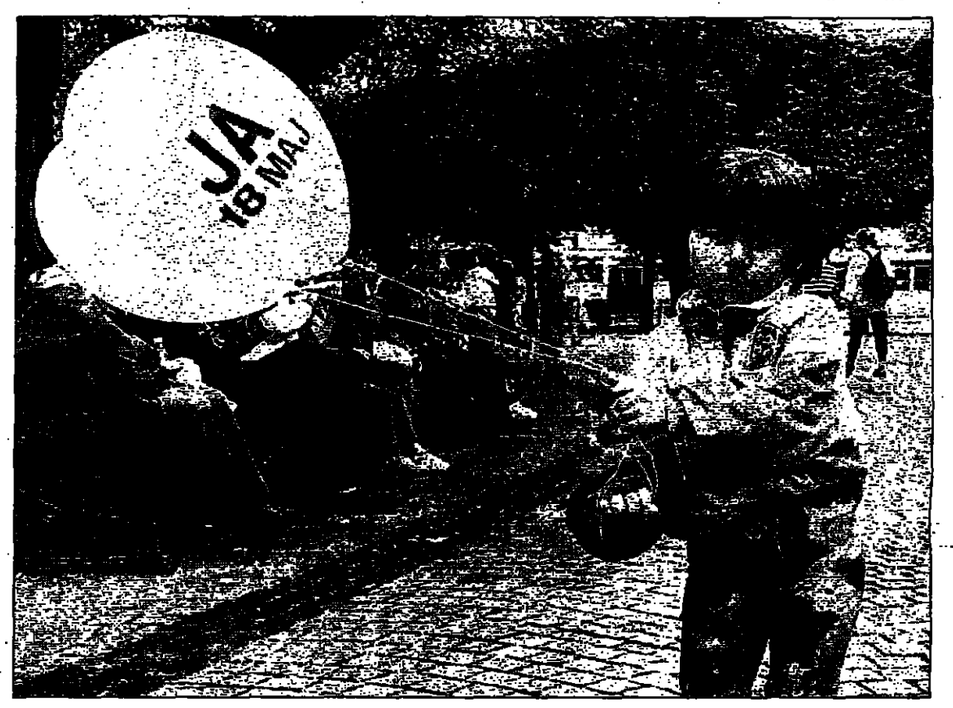
These suggestions would merely introduce more flexibility into the existing Westminster closed shop, make the most of what is available. But more is required to answer charges that government is out of touch and high-handed. There are limits on what ministers in the Lords can achieve, as has been shown repeatedly since the failure of Churchill's experiment with "overlords" in 1951. But more outsiders could be brought in, either as ministers or advisers, to inject ideas and to challenge the staleness resulting from being so long in office.

Mr Major needs to do more than shift around the existing ministerial team. The summer reshuffle should be just one part of a more open and consultative style of leadership — to overcome what is now the disadvantage of having been in office for more than 14 years.

A treaty waiting to explode

Maastricht will inevitably break up, and gravely damage Europe

THOMAS SJORUP



Hostages to fortune: however the Danes vote, the federal ideal has developed a momentum of its own

One of the bad things about Maastricht is that it is a very confusing treaty. Not surprisingly, it is both supported and opposed by different people for different reasons. In Germany or The Netherlands it is almost universally regarded as a step towards a complete European federation, as the Treaty of European Union. In Britain it is defended as a move away from federation, because it introduces the concept of subsidiarity. Among its British opponents many are primarily concerned with British sovereignty but some are more worried about the future of Europe, and the damage this treaty could do to the Community.

We are pro-Europe, but anti-Maastricht. The argument runs like this. Britain belongs to the weakest of the three major world trading groups, the United States, Japan with the Asian developing countries, and the European Community. Europe has the highest costs, the most expensive welfare systems, heaviest regulation, the highest unemployment, the lest advanced technologies. In commercial and industrial terms, this is a critical decade for the European Community, which could fall far behind its competitors, and might then suffer a decline in the standard of living. Maastricht will make Europe less competitive.

This argument — though not its anti-Maastricht conclusions — has now been supported by Jacques Delors himself. He has ordered a special study of European competitiveness to determine whether Europe is losing its position against the United States and Asia. That study will include an enquiry into the high cost of European welfare and its contribution to low growth and rising unemployment. M Delors has said that it is time "to pull the alarm chain", and that Europe "faces a choice between survival and decline". He is worried that the budget cuts required by Maastricht will fall on social expenditure.

As a result of the recession all but one of the countries of the Community are now outside the economic convergence rules of the Maastricht treaty. Either their current or cumulative deficit is too large, or both. The only country that meets the standard is Luxembourg. For the 11 to have to converge on Luxembourg seems preposterous.

During phase two of the treaty, which starts on January 1 next year — if ratification is complete by then — all countries will be required to reduce their deficits to the specified levels. That means that 11 of the 12 will be required to deflate their economies, although it is the recession itself which has caused their deficits to rise to the present alarming level. A general European deflation, starting in 1994, would be a disaster for the European economy, and a social and political disaster as well.

Levels of unemployment in the Community are already far too high; in most countries they are still rising, and can be expected to rise for the next year or more. Most countries already have 10 per cent or more unemployed; in Spain close to 20 per cent. Even an attempt to start the convergence process will make it impossible to reduce these levels of unemployment; it would probably cause them to rise still higher.

William Rees-Mogg

Some defenders of Maastricht argue that the European economy has changed so much since the treaty was signed that it can be regarded as a dead letter. I do not believe this for a moment. If Maastricht is ratified, there will be a determined effort to put it into effect, even if that raises unemployment. We have seen how little the Bundesbank cares for unemployment in other European countries, though fortunately the Bundesbank is unsympathetic to the proposed European central bank.

The political danger is even greater. Maastricht transfers responsibility for economic policy from the elected parliaments of Europe to non-elected institutions. Yet democracy is the safety valve of popular discontent. When business conditions are very depressed and unemployment is very high, the voters turn out the governments responsible. These condition exist in Europe at present.

Maastricht does not repeal the business cycle. When recessions occur people will look to the bodies responsible for economic policy. They will find that they are not democratic but unelected institutions, which they cannot get at. The European central bank, both in its embryonic and completed form, will be deliberately insulated from democracy. Yet it will control European interest rates and money supply, and will therefore largely control external exchange rates and levels of unemployment.

In the early stages, the electorates of Europe may continue to praise or blame their local elected politicians, as they do now. Sooner rather than later, after January 1 next year, people will transfer the praise and blame to the European institutions. That will be all very well when the European economy is prosperous. A boom makes everyone look good. But it will notwork in a slump. Once electors start to hold the European institutions responsible for economic sufferings, the whole European system will become unpopular. Once you remove democracy from control of economic policy, there is no safety valve left for the anger of a depressed community.

The structure of the Maastricht treaty creates a rigidity which is certain to snap. This rigidity will start to be apparent in phase two, for which France is already preparing; it will be even more dangerous if Europe reaches the stage of a single currency. Rigidity tends to be resolved by revolution. The autocracy of Charles I could not deliver economic prosperity in the 1630s: he lost his head in 1649. A non-democratic structure which is held responsible for economic failure may cause the rejection of the whole regime.

The Maastricht treaty creates a non-democratic but federal structure for European economic policy, including a single and independent central bank, a single currency and convergence rules for national economic policies. It is not a federal treaty in respect of defence, foreign affairs or democratic control of the European system. An economic federation without a political federation produces a mismatch between the economy and democracy. This mismatch can be resolved only in one of two ways. Europe could proceed to a complete federation — which is what M Delors wants — or the economic structure could be broken up.

Both courses have great dangers. Whether or not a complete European federation is desirable, it is not yet supported by sufficient public opinion. The United States is one nation; Europe is not. The break up of the Maastricht structure, once it has been ratified, will not be achieved without great damage to the European trading structure. If we ratify Maastricht we are gambling everything which has been gained so far.

I hope the Danes will again vote to reject the treaty, but I do not expect them to do so. The momentum of Maastricht is such that the treaty will probably be ratified in all 12 countries this year. That will confront us with an alarming choice. Either we can try to disarm Maastricht before it explodes, or we can try to make a democratic European federation at least a generation too soon.

I wish the government had taken these criticisms more seriously — they are widely expressed on the Continent — instead of labelling all criticism of Maastricht as blinkered and out of date. The treaty is part of the present crisis of Europe, not part of the solution. I am glad that I shall be able to vote against it in the House of Lords.

After Henry

BUCKINGHAM Palace may not be impressed by the latest round of bugging stories, but the royal family is no stranger to espionage. Like so many things in modern life, it seems to have started with King Henry VIII.

Not that Henry conducted his numerous wooings by mobile telephone, of course, but royal letters then were equally open to interception, as Lord Runcie discovered in 1989 when on his historic visit to the Vatican. He was shown 17 love letters to Anne Boleyn written by Henry while he was still married, albeit reluctantly, to Catherine of Aragon. It was Henry's thwarted desire for that marriage to be annulled, of course, that eventually led to the split with Rome.

Retha Warnicke, the American historian, believes the letters in the Vatican archive had been stolen by someone who wanted to prove to Rome that Anne and Henry were indulging in an adulterous affair. Someone like Catherine, perhaps? For such proof could only reinforce the Pope's reluctance to grant Henry his divorce.

"Catherine's best counter-argument was to ask an ally to present to the Pope a few of the King's love letters to Anne as proof that it was his lust for her that had initiated the divorce action," explains Warnicke.

Sadly for Catherine, little such proof existed in the epistles. Unless you count Henry's one compromising remark, in the 13th letter, in which he made the comment that he hoped soon to kiss Anne's "pritty duckys".

Ode to penury

DIFFICULT times for *Outposts*, the country's oldest independent poetry magazine. The publication, 50 years old next year, faces closure unless it can boost its circulation from its humble 2,000.

Outposts signalled the start of many illustrious careers. Sir Kingsley Amis, Seamus Heaney, Anthony Thwaite, Elizabeth Jennings and Roy Fuller all had their first work published there, says the editor, Roland John, who sifts through up to 80,000 poems a year. It is the shortfall between this figure and the number of subscribers that frustrates him.

"If only 10 per cent of the people who sent in poems subscribed — and it's only £12 for four quarterly issues — we would survive. As it is I cannot afford to print the next issue."

Poets' unwillingness to open their wallets comes as no surprise to Amis, who has not bought the magazine "for years, ever since it was edited by Howard Sergeant. It would be very sad to see it go, but it is said that contemporary poetry is written by contemporary poets but not read by them. That's obviously true."

DIARY

● *Let nobody complain that Eton College's campaign to build an eight-lane rowing lake at Dorney is being fought in anything other than the most gentlemanly fashion. A recent missive urging erstwhile school oarsmen — or Vikings — to write in support of the project to the planning authorities was accompanied by a fierce letter of opposition from DROPET, the residents' action group. Very sporting.*

Railer-coaster

The threatened derailing of the government's plan to privatise British Rail would have delighted the late Robert Adley, one of the plan's foremost critics. Now, following the Christchurch MP's untimely death last week, the search is on for someone to succeed to the high-profile role that Adley relished, that of chairman of the transport select committee.

One of the favourites is Peter Bottomley, outspoken former minister for roads and traffic. Certainly his appointment would ensure the committee stays in the headlines. During his three years at transport, his straight-talking style won him admiration for some things — his tough approach to drink-driving and road-safety — but also landed him in hot water — as when he suggested car drivers in the South East would be left to "fume and rage" in traffic jams while funds were diverted to road schemes elsewhere. His comment that "if I had an extra £100 million, I would not spend a penny of it putting rail travellers in the South East back in their cars", prompted a carpeting from then transport boss, Paul Channon. Sounds just the chap to follow in Adley's tracks.

Dating agency

BAD news for Earl Nelson, campaigning for Trafalgar Day to replace the May Day bank holiday. The International Churchill Societies are lobbying Downing Street to name the holiday, which the Department of Employment is considering moving to the autumn, Churchill Day.

Winston Churchill, MP for Davyhulme and grandson of the great man, is not lobbying — "it would not be for the family to push for this" — but is supportive. "If there was a strong move in favour I would back it, but my first choice would be for a Battle of Britain Day. It was the most decisive day in our national life."

Nelson and Churchill may both be disappointed. The employment department says: "The announcement will be made shortly but it may not be given a name — people always end up calling holidays after the month."





Divided loyalties: John Hutton, left, and Stephen Byers

What's a shipyard between friends?

THE threatened closure of the Swan Hunter shipyard not only spells gloom for 6,000 workers. It bodes ill for the friendship of two local Labour MPs — Stephen Byers, MP for Wallsend, and John Hutton, whose Barrow and Furness constituency includes the VSEL yard, winner of the contract to build a helicopter carrier. The two have been friends since the early 1980s, when they were law lecturers at Newcastle Polytechnic, now Northumbria University. Until last year's general election elevated them, the pair had even shared the same office. Hutton insists any demise of Swan Hunter would not affect their friendship. "I am obviously pleased about VSEL but there are a lot of people who are angry about Swan Hunter and I share that anger." He is well aware of the ironies, more poignant because his legal speciality is employment, while Byers's is contract. "And Neville Trotter, Tory MP for Tynemouth, is an accountant who specialises in bankruptcies. I thought you just might like to know that."

VOTING FOR EUROPE

Danish voters decide the fate of Maastricht on our behalf

Tomorrow the people of Denmark cast their votes in a referendum that has far-reaching implications not only for their own country but for the whole of Europe. The Danes have been granted a democratic voice that has been denied to citizens of many other states, notably those of Britain. In their decision, they will be speaking for the people of Europe, sending a message to those politicians who would rather shape the continent's future over the heads of its inhabitants.

It is for these reasons that *The Times* engages, a little reluctantly, in what might otherwise be seen as the affairs of another country. Those brave Danes who voted "no" to Maastricht last year in the face of bullying by the political establishment spoke too for many Britons and Germans. Their courage to stand up to the politicians who were riding roughshod over the wishes of the people forced the governments of the European Community, for a short time at least, to adopt a new cast of humility. They could do the same tomorrow.

The first "no" vote should have stopped the treaty dead. It is a measure of the arrogance of the bigger EC countries that it was not allowed to do so. Instead, the veto temporarily sobered those who had been rushing towards federalism. Opt-outs were won for Denmark at the Edinburgh summit, though their legality is in doubt.

But a federalist fervour still burns in the hearts of many European politicians, most of whom have wisely kept quiet during the Danish campaign for fear of alienating voters. On Saturday, though, the Belgian prime minister, Jean-Luc Dehaene, could not resist breaking the silence. He takes over the EC presidency in July and, in a speech setting out his agenda, he said that common defence, anathema to the Danes, was "an integral part of the political union". Denmark, he said, has "never accepted the political dimension of the European construction. We must stress this political goal".

If the Danes thought that their earlier rejection of the treaty had dampened this fervour, they must now be tempted to reconsider. The reluctance of self-confessed federalists, such as Commissioner Martin Bangemann, to engage in debate during this second campaign was a symptom not of their conversion to the principle of a Europe of sovereign states but simply of a wisdom gained from earlier, counterproductive forays into Danish decision-making.

Last time, the "yes" campaign was badly conducted. Danes were bombarded with dire threats from Brussels about the consequences of a "no" vote. These consequences, of course, did not materialise. Instead, the country was celebrated across Europe for its pluck. This time, however, the "yes" campaign has been more subtle, with soft-focus, sun-drenched images of the stability, prosperity and jobs that will be ensured if the Danes vote "yes"; and, by implication, lost if they vote "no".

The message may be more slickly couched, but it is no less mendacious for that. Denmark will not be expelled from the Community if it decides not to ratify Maastricht. It will not lose the benefits of the common agricultural policy or the single market. The Bundesbank will continue to support the kroner. Britain will ensure that the Danes are not isolated. EC governments will have to redesign a structure for Europe that is more congenial to their citizens.

This new negotiation is the worst that can happen if Denmark votes "no". Maastricht is due for revision in 1996 anyway, and already most politicians accept that its core policy — monetary union — is unattainable within the timescale envisaged, if ever. The Danes might as well trigger that debate now rather than let Europe flounder for another three years in the grip of a treaty that most people realise is already unworkable and many think is positively dangerous.

The opinion polls suggest, still, that the "yes" vote will win. If Maastricht is what the Danes really want, they should of course vote for it. But those who have doubts need not feel intimidated by the overwhelming establishment pressure to support the treaty. They would be doing the whole Community a favour if they again exhibited the courage and independence of mind that won them our wholehearted admiration last June.

A CURE FOR THE BLUES

Oxford should review its students' needs

Lethargy and alienation have always been as much a part of student life as essays and cheap beer. The claim in a new survey that 40 per cent of Oxford undergraduates have considered dropping out must therefore be judged cautiously, especially as no comparative data from other universities has been made available. This emotional snapshot of Oxford's younger members should not inspire panic in the university; instead, it should contribute to the continuing debate on ways of improving teaching and counselling in its colleges.

The survey conducted by a resourceful New College undergraduate found that 90 per cent of the 1,300 students taking part had problems with their work and that most were more likely to fall ill during term-time. Such statistics should not be a complete surprise. Competition for places at Oxford, which was last week ranked second in the *The Times* university guide, is as strong as ever. A high proportion of its students have two or more A grades at A level, strive for academic and extra-curricular glory while up at Oxford and proceed to glittering careers in the professions, civil service and media. The price of such advantage in life is a certain amount of pressure.

Yet a small minority of students pays a much higher price. Between October and January, two Oxford undergraduates hanged themselves and another plunged to his death from a second floor window, apparently in a drug-induced trance. In January, a university enquiry conceded that the level of student suicide in Oxford had become a "cause for concern" while the official counselling service last year saw 595 students, compared with 396 in 1989.

Oxford has come a long way since Thomas Hardy depicted it as Christminster, burdened by "four centuries of bigotry, gloom and decay". Pastoral care amid the dreaming spires is much better than is often claimed. The tutorial system, which is alleged to be under threat, offers students informal counselling which many find invaluable.

Nonetheless, the university is rightly examining ways of improving the system in the light of recent events and the growing pressures on students from outside the university to emerge after three years of study clutching an oustanding degree. It may be time, for example, for Oxford to mimic Cambridge and assign each undergraduate a tutor in charge of his or her general welfare. Alternatively, some colleges might feel this role was better played by an older undergraduate.

To spread the workload, the Oxonian term could be extended from eight to ten weeks, formalising what already happens unofficially in many colleges. Above all, the university must resist calls for the abolition of its tutorial system, one of the foundations of Oxford life. That system did not arise by accident. To sweep it away would be a great disservice to British academic life and to the bright young men and women entrusted to Oxford's care every year.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY

Windscreen-washing should not be a form of mugging

British cities have a new breed of urban Dick Turpins: modern highwaymen extorting money from their victims with implicit threats. There are groups of youths forcibly washing the windscreens of cars at traffic lights, and then asking to be paid. What might have begun as an honourable attempt at self-help — a bit of entrepeneurial resourcefulness on the part of the young unemployed — has become, in many cases, a menacing way of demanding money.

Gangs of young men inflict their "service" on trapped car drivers without their permission and then use blatantly intimidatory tactics to exact payment. The thin pretext of offering something in return has been assumed to keep this practice within the law. In fact, giving money is simply a way of bribing the gang to desist from its menacing behaviour: it is no more legitimate payment that is the money demanded by protection racketeers.

In a court case brought last week at Marylebone Magistrates Court, London, the legitimacy of the window washers' tactics was tested and Steven MacMillan, 21, from Bounds Green, north London, found guilty of street trading without a licence and ordered to pay a £30 fine and £70 costs. The charge may not seem serious enough to deal with the worst excesses associated with the practice but is easier to prove than threatened violence.

Performing an unrequested service in the hope of payment is not a crime, nor is it particularly antisocial. If done out of generosity or neighbourliness, such acts can actually contribute to goodwill in the community. Sadly, what might have been a benign species of youthful enterprise has fallen into the wider pattern of intimidatory begging which has become a feature of life in London. The capital city, which acts as a magnet for the country's homeless, is experiencing new categories of what is, in effect, modified mugging, which mutate as quickly as they can be identified.

Aggressive beggars who are too easily spotted by the police on the streets, have taken to plying their trade on Underground trains — often in the company of large dogs — where there is a captive audience and little chance of arrest. They lie in wait in Underground tunnels and on the stairs of Tube stations. Little effort seems to be made to remove them even when their presence is causing a dangerous obstruction.

Sincere efforts at enterprise should not be pulled down into this vagrant culture. There have been legitimate and successful attempts to organise the genuinely destitute into self-help schemes like the London newspaper *The Big Issue*, which is sold on the street by homeless people who do not attempt to intimidate. Real freelance enterprise of the windscreen-washing variety should not be made illegal but must not be allowed to generate into a form of street crime.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Clarke's U-turn on criminal justice

From Mr Bryan Gibson

Sir, David Faulkner's stout defence of the Criminal Justice Act 1991 ("Getting their act together", Law, May 11) remains relevant, notwithstanding yesterday's announcement by the home secretary that the law is to be amended (report, May 14). Parliament should bear in mind that the act is already capable of greater severity than before in several respects — viz:

1. As the act still stands, courts may take *two* associated offences into account in assessing seriousness, whereas before they could look at offences in isolation. It may be that the government will now extend this rule to any number of offences.
2. The notorious section 29 has allowed at least some aspects of earlier offending to be taken into account when looking at the seriousness of the instant offence, as opposed to general mitigation, whereas before the act this could not happen at all. Unfortunately, the government now seems set on allowing *all* previous convictions to count.
3. Means-related fines are more punitive than before in relation to the better-off.
4. An offender can now be sent to custody for refusing a community sentence or can, on breach of such an order, be deemed to have so refused and may then be re-sentenced.
5. The early release provisions in part II of the act mean that offenders will, generally speaking, serve longer in prison and will be at risk of return to prison by a court or recall to prison for the remainder of their sentence.

All the above provisions are in addition to the new statutory power to impose longer sentences in relation to violent or sexual offences. The rule against taking previous convictions into account does not apply to these sentences, passed to protect the public and on the basis of future risk of serious harm to the public from the offender.

Much of the criticism of the 1991 act is unfair. It is good to see the balance redressed. There is a danger of over-reaction in seeking to toughen sentencing powers yet further.

Yours sincerely,
BRYAN GIBSON
(Clerk to the Justices),
North West Hampshire
Magistrates' Courts,
Court House, London Road,
Basingstoke, Hampshire.
May 14.

From Mr Julian Brazier, MP for Canterbury (Conservative)

Sir, The Court of Appeal ruling referred to by Mr David Faulkner, establishing the principle that previous convictions should not in themselves result in a more severe sentence for a new offence, seems wrong to the lay person.

Instead, the existence of such offences could merely be used to diminish mitigation. Sentences for all offences must surely increase as offenders fail to respond to lesser punishments or respect for the law diminishes.

Furthermore, while the act recognises that only custodial sentences protect the public, it virtually confines that concept to violent and sexual offences (section 1.2b). Yet the incidence of burglary has increased to the point where it is terrorising the elderly, dissuading families from going out in the evening, thus undermining community spirit, and putting the cost of insurance beyond many ordinary people.

The government is right to be restoring the power of the courts fully to take account of current and previous offences.

Yours faithfully,
JULIAN BRAZIER,
House of Commons.
May 16.

From the Director of the Prison Reform Trust

Sir, You state in your leading article of May 14 that "the new statutory framework for sentencing criminals must leave considerable room for local discretion". I cannot agree.

Inequalities in sentencing are a denial of justice. The purpose of the unit fine system — now so cavalierly abandoned — was not simply to avoid the imprisonment of indigent fine defaulters.

By formally differentiating between the offender's culpability (the number of units) and their disposable income (the value of the units), the system ensured an equal quantum of punishment for rich and poor alike.

The much publicised teething problems could, and should, have been remedied without throwing the basic principle overboard. It is very much to be hoped that magistrates' courts will continue to apply the unit fine procedures, albeit now in non-statutory form.

Yours faithfully,
STEPHEN SHAW,
Director,
Prison Reform Trust,
59 Caledonian Road, N1.
May 14.

From Mr John Jones

Sir, The announcement by the home secretary that he is to scrap the unit fine system comes as a relief. I was in danger of being obliged to accept that the government was capable of getting something right.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN JONES
(Probation officer, 1960-92),
The Dales,
Nettleham, Lincoln.
May 14.

From Mr Leslie Oliver

Sir, During 1992 we spent a large amount on ensuring that all members of staff engaged in criminal work attended training courses on the Criminal Justice Act 1991.

Can we claim our money back?

Yours faithfully,
LESLIE OLIVER,
Leslie Oliver & Co (solicitors),
49-51 Uxbridge Road, W5.

Nato role in Bosnia

From Professor Robert McGeehan

Sir, You report (May 11) that the secretary-general of Nato is exasperated by the unwillingness of members of the alliance to take decisive action in Bosnia.

In the same issue, Rosemary Righter urges Nato to use force to end the conflict by engaging the warring elements as peace-maker rather than peace-keeper ("Vance-Owen will not work without force").

Such a policy could wreck the Atlantic alliance more surely than an open-ended war outside the treaty area when no member has been attacked. In Washington, meanwhile, reason after reason has been found to postpone a "final" decision on military action. With the buck being passed every which way, might it be that President Clinton has realised the folly of his promise to arm the Bosnian Muslims?

We must welcome this development, which could save Nato from being the ultimate victim of the Bosnian disaster.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT McGEEHAN
(Chairman for Policy),
Republicans Abroad (UK),
13 Southampton Place, WC1.

Maastricht questions

From Vice Admiral Sir Louis Le Bailly

Sir, I ask the prime minister to answer "yes" or "no" to these questions.

1. Will the treaty bind all *future* British governments to Europe, for an unlimited period?
2. Will it usurp Parliament's exclusive constitutional power to impose or remit taxation?
3. Will it authorise nationals of other countries to stand in British municipal elections?
4. Will it compel our children, whatever their parent's wishes, to partake in "European citizenship" lessons?
5. Will it compel the conscription of our children to fight in the armed services of a European union, without the authority of our Parliament?
6. Will it put HM the Queen in breach of her coronation oath?
7. Will it impose by 1997 an increase in Britain's contribution to the EC of about £200 million *per week* to subsidise other EC countries?

As I read the treaty, all seven answers are an unequivocal "yes".

Yours truly,
LOUIS LE BAILLY,
Garlands House,
St Tudy, Bodmin, Cornwall.
May 11.

Church problems

From the Reverend J. A. Hemmings

Sir, The Bishop of Sodor and Man (letter, May 13) rightly draws our attention to the business of the Church rather than the busyness of bishops. However, his argument would have carried more conviction without his rather unfortunate parting shot at the Bishop of Bath and Wells: "But then, I don't live in a palace with a moat around it."

Quite so: the Bishop of Sodor and Man lives on an island in the middle of the Irish Sea. It is precisely the island mentality that has led the Church of England to her present state of affairs.

Yours sincerely,
JONATHAN A. HEMMINGS,
The Vicarage,
Abbeystead, Lancaster.
May 14.

From Mr Anthony Humphreys

Sir, Your letter from the Bishop of Sodor and Man prompts me to ask: why beholdest thou the moat that is round thy brother's palace, but considerest not the sea that is round thine own?

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY HUMPHREYS,
Stowey Farm,
Timberscombe, Somerset.
May 14.

From the Secretary General of the General Synod of the Church of England

Sir, Dr Ian Ker (letter, May 11) claims that the Roman Catholic Church has a baptismal figure of between one third and one half of that of the Church of England. According to the Catholic Directory, the number of Roman Catholic baptisms in 1990 was 69,364. This figure included children under the age of seven, in Wales as well as England, and those baptised in HM Forces chaplaincies. For the same year, Church of England baptisms totalled 184,100. This figure related only to children under one year, and excluded Wales and HM Forces — a far narrower base. It may be possible to advance several arguments for disestablishing the Church of England (as Dr Ker clearly believes) — but comparative statistics on baptisms are not one of them.

Yours faithfully,
PHILIP MAWER,
Secretary General,
The General Synod of the Church of England, Church House,
Great Smith Street, SW1.

University women at disadvantage

From Dr Jennifer Hornsby

Sir, Women in Oxford university have been campaigning for equality of opportunity for seven years ("Playing fast and loose with women at Oxford", Janet Daley, May 11). I am glad to find the campaign continuing (report, May 10) but I engage in it now with greater cynicism.

In the old days I was in the company of women who were concerned about women's disadvantage: we thought we might do something that would help to make Oxford university a less sexist institution. Today I seem to find myself in the company of women who are concerned each with her own disadvantage, and whose aspirations are less far-reaching.

The university's code of practice on equality of opportunity was introduced in 1987. The main problem has been not that the code was violated — as certainly it sometimes was — but that no one appeared to be moved by its spirit. The university ignored it completely in making promotions to readerships in 1990, giving 95 per cent of them to men. (I was assured there was no violation: appointing someone to a readership, I was told, is not making an appointment, only a promotion.)

What we need in Oxford are not pieces of legislation followed to the letter, but an actual sense of people trying to do the right thing for the right reasons. The university must not be allowed to continue to form its policies in blind disregard of its responsibilities under the Sex Discrimination Act.

We face the question of what to do now that we have travelled far on the road to implementing a decision to engage in a professorships promotion exercise which we know will worsen our grievous sexual imbalance. It is very late in the day to stop applications that have been made from being duly considered: stopping them would, as you say (leading article, May 10), be "impractical". But we must not "acquiesce" as you recommend.

By rejecting council's amendment, the university's congregation can say loud and clear that an exercise which is contrary to equality of opportunity should be halted.

Yours, without much faith,
JENNIFER HORNSBY,
Corpus Christi College, Oxford.
May 11.

From Professor Kenneth Minogue

Sir, Your editorial commits the fallacy of inferring from the fact that only 5 per cent of professors in the country are women that universities must be, as you put it, sanctuaries of "male domination". Universities are not, however, intellectual playpens, to be socially engineered according to the latest political fashion, but institutions whose sole proper criterion for recruitment is ability at teaching and research as combined activities.

The only valid reason for complaint would therefore be that women of outstanding scholarship and ability have been passed over in favour of mediocre males. Since many able women do in fact teach in universities, your statistic is irrelevant unless supported by such direct evidence.

I should think that the present generation of women in universities would not only disapprove the feminist role model argument used but would find it demeaning. It suggests that women are sad, resourceless creatures, so lacking in originality that they must be given something to imitate. Filling the universities with such quota women will do no one any good.

The social engineering of universities which you appear to support looks like being the government's next bright idea in its reform programme. Like most other recent reforms, it will end in tears.

Yours faithfully,
KENNETH MINOGUE,
The London School of Economics and Political Science,
Houghton Street, WC2.
May 10.

From Dr Elizabeth Rhodes

Sir, Your leading article (May 10) highlights the lack of opportunity for women to be appointed to academic posts at Oxford. The position is almost as bad in the rest of the United Kingdom, where only 3 per cent of professors, 6 per cent of readers and senior lecturers and 14 per cent of lecturers are women.

In Western Europe the situation is broadly similar. In Germany, for instance, only 5.1 per cent of full or associate professors and 12.7 per cent of assistant professors/lecturers are women.

At a meeting in Munich last March European Women in Science and the Humanities was formed. It follows the model of American Women in Science, but with the broader aim of including all academic disciplines and increasing the number of women appointed to senior positions in academic and professional institutions and societies.

Yours faithfully,
ELIZABETH RHODES,
University College of Swansea,
Department of Chemical Engineering,
Singleton Park, Swansea.
May 13.

Shipbuilding in decline

From Mr Lev Sychrava

Sir, World ordering of merchant ships in 1992 dropped to its lowest level since 1988; informed opinion in the maritime industries is virtually unanimous in expecting, from 1994 onwards, a substantial increase in the contracting of tankers, bulk carriers and other cargo ships, of the type and size that could and used to be built by Swan Hunter on Tyneside, principally to replace old, unsafe and costly-to-run ships now being scrapped in increasing numbers.

The threatened closure of Swan Hunter, by leave of the government (report, May 14; letter, May 15), may be read as incontrovertible proof that demand for the kind of ships that Swan Hunter could supply is about to recover.

Yours faithfully,
LEV SYCHRAVA,
23 Purley Bury Close,
Purley, Surrey.
May 15.

From Mr John Taylor

Sir, The distressing news about the problems faced by Swan Hunter — but another chapter in the decline of our once-great shipbuilding industry — compels one to question why the owners of our merchant shipping fleet continue to place orders for their new ships overseas.

P & O have recently taken delivery of *Pride of Burgundy*, the largest ferry ever to operate out of Dover; but she was built at the Schichau Seebeckwerft yard in Bremerhaven. Now they have commissioned the cruise liner *Oriana* from Meyer Werft at Papenburg — at 67,000 tons, the biggest liner ever to be built in Germany.

We built the *Queen Mary* and the *QE2*. We need to know from shipowners and shipbuilders why it is that we cannot now build competitively merchant ships, and why all the orders go overseas.

Yours etc.,
JOHN TAYLOR,
Castle Gyrn, Llanbedr,
Ruthin, Clwyd.
May 13.

Lost in the Wash?

From Professor Sir Hans Kornberg, FRS, Master of Christ's College, Cambridge

Sir, Contrary to Matthew d'Ancona's assertion (*The Times* Good University Guide, May 13), Christ's, Cambridge, does not "shudder at the memory of King John's decision to hang an arbitrary number of its undergraduates", primarily because it also remembers that King John died 289 years before Christ's was founded.

Yours etc.,
HANS KORNBERG (34th Master),
Christ's College, Cambridge.

Moving to the left

From Mr John Brown

Sir, At 50-60mph in the slow or middle lane of a motorway, Miss Jill Bickerton (letter, May 11) is likely to find her rear-view mirror full of frustrated juggernauts, especially on hills where these vehicles try to maintain speed. I suspect that in many multiple motorway crashes, cars may be able to stop safely but are carried into the melee by lorries following, which need more stopping distance and simply sweep lighter vehicles before them as they plough on. In the fast lane, you are less likely to be the meat in a truck sandwich.

Yours etc.,
JOHN BROWN,
The Town House,
Leigh, Worcestershire.

Nations out of tune

From Mrs D. B. Knight

Sir, Nothing on the box? Rubbish! Last night I watched, enthralled, exciting live television, pulsating with up-to-the-minute political comment.

Let's have even more voting on the European Song Contest next year — without the songs, of course.

Yours faithfully,
D.B. KNIGHT,
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Butlers Cross,
Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire.
May 16.

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COURT CIRCULAR

ST JAMES'S PALACE
May 15: The Prince of Wales arrived at Royal Air Force Lyneham this morning from Germany.

Captain John Warburton-Lee was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 15: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester was present this morning at the 50th and final anniversary memorial service of the 355th Fighter Group Association (USAAF) at Steeple Morden Airfield, Cambridgeshire.

Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Cambridgeshire (Mr James Crowden).

Mrs Michael Harvey was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
May 15: The Duchess of Kent, Deputy Colonel-in-Chief, the Royal Dragoon Guards, this afternoon arrived at RAF Northolt from Paderborn, Germany.

Mrs Peter Troughton was in attendance.

The Duke of Kent, President, the Football Association, accompanied by the Duchess of Kent, this afternoon attended the Football Association's Challenge Cup Final at Wembley Stadium, Wembley, Middlesex.

Mrs Peter Troughton and Captain the Honourable Tom Coke were in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
May 15: Princess Alexandra, accompanied by the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy and attended by the Lady Nicholas Gordon Lennox, this afternoon departed from Rome upon completion of engagements.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess of Wales, as an Honorary Freeman of the Grocers' Company, will attend a luncheon with the Court at Grocers' Hall at 12.30.

Prince Edward will attend an inaugural luncheon of the Lord's Taverners at the Carlton Tower hotel at 12.30.

Princess Margaret will visit the Lyceum Music Centre at Oldham at 2.05; and, as President of the NSPCC, will open the Oldham, Bury and Rochdale Child Protection Team's new building at Lees Road, Oldham, at 2.55.

The Duchess of Kent, as Patron of Unicef UK, will attend a recital and reception given by the Diplomatic Wives Committee at the German Ambassador's residence at 22 Belgrave Square at 7.25.

Memorial services

Mr G.C. Morris

A memorial service for Mr Geoffrey Christopher Morris was held on Saturday in King's College Chapel, Cambridge. The Rev Dr George Pattison, Dean of Chapel, officiated and read the lesson. Professor Patrick Bateson, provost, read the bidding prayer and Dr G.H.W. Rylands, CH, read from the works of G.R. Trevelyan. Lord Annan gave an address.

Mr Guy Nevill

A memorial service for Guy Nevill will be held at St Luke's Church, Sydney Street, London, SW3, on Wednesday, May 19, at 5.30pm.

Birthdays today

The Earl of Airlie, KT, 67; Vice-Admiral Sir Thomas Baird, 69; Marshal of the RAF Sir Michael Beetham, 70; Miss Cicely Berry, voice director, Royal Shakespeare Company, 67; Sir Rodric Braithwaite, diplomat, 61; Professor D. Cameron Watt, historian, 65; Sir Charles Cawley, scientist, 86; Professor J.D. Craggs, electrical engineer, 78; Mr Paul Crossley, concert pianist, 49; Sir John Garlick, civil servant, 72; Sir Ronald Halstead, deputy chairman, British Steel, 66; Professor Raymond Hide, geophysicist, 64; Lord Hirshfield, 80; Professor Arthur Jones, principal, Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester, 61; Mr Sugar Ray Leonard, boxer, 37; Sir Eric Mensforth, former president, Westland Aircraft, 87; Miss Birgit Nilsson, soprano, 71; Sir Alec Ogilvie, former chairman, Powell Duffryn, 80; Lieutenant-General Sir Douglas Packard, 90; Sir Edward Playfair, civil servant, 84; Mr Dennis Potter, playwright, 58; Mr Michael Roberts, jockey, 39; Lord Tombs, 69; Captain Sir Miles Wingate, former deputy master, Trinity House, 70; Lieutenant-General Sir David Young, 67.

University news

Balliol College

To a Fellow Commoner of the College: Ivo Pogorelich.

Lancaster

Honorary degrees will be awarded to the following in July: Sir Cyril Smith, former Liberal MP (Doctor of Laws); Professor John Lawton, professor of ecology (Doctor of Science); Dr Robert Wool, Hon Secretary and Treasurer, Wordsworth Trust (Doctor of Letters).

Church news

Appointments

The Rev Mark Bryant, Diocesan Director of Ordinands and Vocational Development Adviser (Coventry): to be also an Honorary Canon of Coventry Cathedral.

The Rev Ivan Davoll, Honorary Curate, St James, Bermondsey: to be stipendiary Curate, St James and St Anne's, Bermondsey, w special responsibility for St Anne's (Southwark).

The Rev Linda Denness, non-stipendiary Assistant Curate, St James's Milton: to be non-stipendiary Assistant Curate, St Mary, Portsea with a liturgical base at St Faith, Portsea.

The Rev Andrew De Smet, Assistant Curate, St Mary, w special responsibility for St Faith, Portsea: to be Rector, Shipston-on-Stour w Honington and Idlicote (Coventry).

The Rev Peter Ellmore, Chaplain in the Portsmouth Hospitals Chaplaincy Team: to be also Team Leader of the Portsmouth Hospitals Chaplaincy (Portsmouth).

The Rev James Funnell, Team Vicar, Hackney Team Ministry: to be Vicar, St John of Jerusalem, South Hackney (London).

The Rev Elizabeth Hughes, Parish Deacon (NSM), Dunstable: to be Parish Deacon (NSM), Boxmoor (St Albans).

The Rev Paul Hughes, Team Vicar, Dunstable: to be Priest-in-charge, Boxmoor (St Albans).

The Very Rev Basil O'Ferrall, CB, Dean of Jersey and Rector, of St Helier (Winchester): to be a Canon Emeritus of Winchester Cathedral upon retirement on May 31.

The Rev David Peebles, Curate, St Andrew, Crewe (Chester): to be Lecturer and Assistant Director of Studies at the College of the Resurrection, Mirfield.

The Rev Crispin Pemberton, Curate, St Philip and St James, Leckhampton: to be Vicar, St Barnabas, Tuffley (Gloucester).

The Rev Mark Pickles, Assistant Curate, St John, Hartford: to be Vicar, Christ Church, Wharton (Chester).

The Rev Roger Reed, Rector, Debden and Wimbush w Thunderley (Chelmsford): to be Priest-in-charge, Blendworth and Charlton w Idsworth (Portsmouth).

Appointments in the Forces

The Army

BRIGADIERS: C H Elliot - To be DAR, 17.5.93; J O Winter - To be MA Moscow, 19.5.93.
COLONEL: P J Henderson - To HQ ARRC, 17.5.93.
LIEUTENANT-COLONELS: J S M Edwards RHF - To be CO1 RHF, 18.5.93; ME Parsons RLC - To HQ UKLF, 17.5.93; T S Wilson RLC - To MOD, 17.5.93; H R Cameron REME - To RHQ REME, 17.5.93.
Retirements
BRIGADIER: C A Brown Late R Signals, 20.5.93.

Royal Air Force

GROUP CAPTAIN: D K L McDonnell - To HQ 38 Gp 7.5.93; J H Haines - To SHQ NATO 7.5.93; J D Waters - To SC Sigs Henlow 7.5.93; A J Fairweather - To HQSTC 10.5.93.
WING COMMANDER: S Rodda - To HQSTC 17.5.93; G Rayfield - To ADMA (Air) 17.5.93; I T Denholm - To MOD DGMST 17.5.93; A J Pennington - To HQSTC 17.5.93.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M.P. Linsdell and Miss C.E. Teague

The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs Leonard Linsdell, of King's Lynn, Norfolk, and Caroline, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Harold Teague, of Reepham, Norfolk.

Mr D.P. Shalders and Miss J.R. Llewelyn

The engagement is announced between David Peter, younger son of Mr and Mrs Michael Shalders, of Stuntney, Cambridgeshire, and Jane Rhiannon, daughter of Dr John Llewelyn and the late Mrs Elizabeth Llewelyn, of Nazeing, Essex.

Mr S.P. Thornton and Miss A.S. Wade

The engagement is announced between Stephen, son of Air Commodore and Mrs D.L.F. Thornton, of Pulborough, West Sussex, and Sophie, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs R.L. Wade, formerly of Barnes, London and now of Fontmell Magna, Dorset.

TIM BISHOP



Waiting and hoping: a young dancer listens to hear whether she has been selected to perform with the Kirov Ballet at the Coliseum. Hundreds of girls travelled to London yesterday for auditions to pick 32 dancers to appear with the company this summer

Marriages

Mr T.J. Daniel and Miss E.L.G. Purvis

The marriage took place on Saturday in the Chapel of Wadham College, Oxford, of Mr Tom Daniel, only son of Mr James Douglas-Henry, of London, and the Hon Sarah Daniel, of Cambridge, to Miss Emily Purvis, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Purvis, of Gilmerton, St Andrews, Fife. The Rev Michael Roden officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Elizabeth Purvis, Miss Madonna Benjamin, Miss Donatella Sala, Miss Gaynor Hutchison and Mrs Tish Harris. Mr Robert Bryans was best man.

A reception was held in Wadham College Gardens and the honeymoon will be spent on islands in the Pacific.

Mr J.D.R. Darby and Miss A.M. Bradford

The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, of Mr James Darby, son of Mr and Mrs John Darby, of Headley, Hampshire, to Miss Annabella Bradford, daughter of Mr Anthony Bradford, of Lisbon, Portugal, and of the Hon Mrs William Ward, of Fulham. Father Anthony Meredith, SJ, officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Anna Ward, Edwina Bradford and Alexander Darby. Mr Simon Richardson was best man. A reception was held at the Lansdowne Club and the honeymoon will be spent in Bali.

Mr A.J. Scott-Hopkins and Miss C.G. Egan

The marriage took place on Saturday in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, of Mr Anthony Scott-Hopkins, youngest son of Sir James Scott-Hopkins, M.E.P. and Lady Scott-Hopkins, of English Bicknor, Gloucestershire, to Miss Carey Egan, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Patrick Egan, of Sissinghurst, Kent. The Rev R. McAllen and Father R. McCurdy officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Micha Hedigan-Daly, Leonie Raw, Alexander de Lisle, James Raw, Edward Bromley-Martin, Charles Mills and Nicholas Mills. Mr Jonathan Gage was best man. A reception was held at the Naval and Military Club and the honeymoon will be spent in the Far East.

Mr S.H. Cottle and Miss K.E.H. Howatt

The marriage took place on Saturday, May 15, at Eccleston, Cheshire, of Mr Simon Cottle, youngest son of the late Mr A.R. Cottle and of Mrs C.E.W. Cottle, to Miss Kirstine Howatt, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J.H. Howatt. The Rev H. Linn officiated, assisted by Canon L. Skipper.

The bride was attended by her sister, Mrs Oliver Garland, and Daisy French, Alice Cottle and Siobhan Madden. Mr J. Cottle was best man.

Mr M.N. Harman and Miss J.H. Archer

The marriage took place on Saturday, May 15, 1993, at the Church of St Lawrence, Great Waldingfield, Suffolk, of Mark Neil Harman to Jane Helen Archer. The Rev Pizzey officiated.

The bride was given away by her father, Mr John Archer. Mr Roger McCartney was best man.

Mr B.A. Heenk and Miss E.L. Findlay

The marriage took place on May 15, of Bart Anne, son of Mr and Mrs Husson Heenk, of Bilthoven, Holland, and Emma, daughter of Mr and Mrs Don Findlay, of High Ercall, Shropshire.

Mr R.D. Longmore and Miss E.J. Samuel

The marriage took place on Saturday at Holy Trinity Church, Bosham, of Mr Richard Longmore, eldest son of Mrs Cavanagh and stepson of Mr Peter Cavanagh, to Miss Emma Samuel, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Samuel.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by four bridesmaids. Mr Ajay Aggarwal was best man. A reception was held at Stansted Park.

Mr J.C.G. Maclaurin and Miss M.R. Yates

The marriage took place on Saturday at Christ Church, Chelsea, SW3, of Mr James Maclaurin, son of Dr and Mrs John Maclaurin, of Bearsden, Glasgow, to Miss Megan Yates, daughter of Dr and Mrs Michael Yates, of London, SW1. The Rev Simon Acland officiated. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Rose Montgomery, Susan Malvern and Alice Thomson. Dr Charles Hornsby was best man. A reception was held at The Dorchester.

Brigadier D.A. Williams and Mrs J.M. Palmer

The marriage took place on Saturday, May 15, 1993, in Richmond upon Thames of Brigadier David Williams to Mrs Janet Palmer, née Slight.

Bath revives spirit of learned enquiry

BY JOHN YOUNG

THE BATH Royal Literary and Scientific Institution, founded in 1824 in the city's Georgian heyday, is to be relaunched after a gap of more than 50 years.

The institution was established to complement Bath's position as a favoured resort of high society by providing a centre for lectures, exhibitions and public meetings and to further "the advancement of literature, science and art". It received a royal charter in 1837 and quickly acquired a high reputation in scientific circles, particularly in the study of geology and natural history. Among its more eminent members were the geologists William Lonsdale and Charles Moore, and the naturalist Leonard Jenyns.

Its museum, library, laboratory and lecture room were originally housed in Terrace Walk, but in 1932 the site was compulsorily purchased for road improvements. It then moved to Queen Square, in the heart of the city, but its new home was requisitioned by the Admiralty in 1940, and its collection stored or dispersed.

When the Admiralty left in 1958, trusteeship passed to Bath City Council and later to Avon County Council, and until recently the building was used to house the city's reference library. The Charity Commissioners have now approved a plan to return the collection, which includes more than a million geological items, paintings and sculptures, some 6,000 books and manuscripts, and letters from Charles Darwin, to a new board of trustees representing local societies.

Funds are being sought for the restoration of the building, and enquiries about membership should be addressed to the Secretary, Bath Royal Literary and Scientific Institution Trustees, 13 Queen Square, Bath BA1 2HJ.

Dinners

Lord High Commissioner

Lord Macfarlane of Bearsden, Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, and Lady Macfarlane gave a dinner on Saturday at the Palace of Holyroodhouse. Among those present were:

The Duke of Argyll, Viscount Whitelaw, KT, CH, and Viscountess Whitelaw, Lord Irvine of Lairg, QC, and Lady Irvine, Mr Malcolm Rifkind, QC, MP, and Mrs Rifkind, the Dean of the Chapel Royal and Mrs Morris, Mr and Mrs R G L Armour, Mr Chris Davidson, Dr and Mrs Brian Lang, Mr and Mrs Jack Nicolson, Mr and Mrs Murray Stuart and Miss Carol Taylor.

Lord High Commissioner

Lord Macfarlane of Bearsden, Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, and Lady Macfarlane gave a dinner last night at the Palace of Holyroodhouse. Among those present were:

The American Ambassador, Mr John Smith, QC, MP, and Mrs Smith, Mr Roger Dobson, the Rev Albert Elder, Mr Colin George, Miss Mary Greenhalgh, the Rev Charles Johnston, Mr and Mrs Charles Love, the Rev Roderick and Mrs MacKinnon, Mr and Mrs William Orr and Mr and Mrs Ken Schofield.

Northern Rhodesia Police Association

Mr Brian Gibbs, Chairman of the British South Africa Police Regimental Association, and Mrs Gibbs were the guests of honour at the annual dinner of the Great Britain branch of the Northern Rhodesia Police Association held on Saturday at the De Montfort Hotel, Kenilworth, Warwickshire. Mr Paul Wheeler, chairman, presided. Mr Denis Bird also spoke.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Edward Jenner, discoverer of vaccination, Berkeley, Gloucestershire, 1749; Caroline, Queen Consort of King George IV, Brunswick, 1768; Anna Jameson, writer, Dublin, 1794; Robert Smith Surtees, sports writer, The Riding, Northumberland, 1803; Sir Joseph Norman Lockyer, astronomer, Rugby, 1836; Erik Satie, composer, Honfleur, France, 1866; Henri Barbusse, novelist, Asnières, 1873; Dorothy Richardson, novelist, Abingdon, Berkshire, 1873.

DEATHS: Sandro Botticelli, painter, Florence, 1510; Matthew Parker, Archbishop of Canterbury 1559-75, London, 1575; Catherine I, Empress of Russia 1725-27, Leningrad, 1727; Samuel Clarke, theologian, London, 1729; Samuel Boyse, poet, London, 1749; Robert Tannahill, poet, drowned himself in a canal near Paisley, 1810; Charles Maurice de Talleyrand-Périgord, statesman, Paris, 1838; Paul Dukas, composer, Paris, 1935.

The relief of Mafeking, 1900. Daylight saving act passed, 1916.

Service dinners

King's Own Royal Border Regiment

Major-General Bob Hodges, Colonel of The King's Own Royal Border Regiment, presided at a regimental dinner held on Saturday at the Crown and Mitre Hotel, Carlisle.

3rd (Volunteer) Battalion, The 22nd (Cheshire) Regiment

Major A.F.W. Astle and Superintendent F. Hough were among the guests at a dinner held by the Officers of the 3rd (Volunteer) Battalion, The 22nd (Cheshire) Regiment at the TA Centre, Ellesmere Port on Saturday. Lieutenant-Colonel O.D.A. Smith, MBE, Commanding Officer presided.

Service reunion

Gurkha Brigade Association

The annual reunion of the Gurkha Brigade Association was held on Saturday at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst. Major-General J.A.R. Robertson presided, assisted by Brigadier M.G. Hunt-Davis, chairman of the association.

Latest wills

Sir Zachry **Brierley**, of Llandudno, Gwynedd, chairman of Z. Brierley Ltd 1957-90, left estate valed at £640,011 net.

Mr Nigel John **Robson**, of Wormley, Surrey, former chairman of Grindlays Bank and the Royal Trust Bank, left estate valued at £1,234,796.

He left £1,000 each to King Edwards School, Witley, the British Heart Foundation and the London Hospital.

Mr Brian St John **Inglis**, of London NW3, former editor of *The Spectator* and presenter of *What the Papers Say*, left estate valued at £188,828.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid):

Mr Alexander **Abrahams**, of London SW1 £690,876
Mrs Patricia Ann **Brown**, of Esher, Surrey £754,733
Mrs Louise Elizabeth **Church**, of Harpole, Northants £540,334
Winifred **Fogg**, of Crowborough, East Sussex £666,569
Ruth Irene Genotin **Gill**, of Cuffley, Herts £869,671
Mr John Philip **Hardman**, of London NW1 £1,145,930
Mrs Margaret Lowther **Hawkins**, of London W4 £531,172
Mr William Howlett **Kelleher**, of Poole, Dorset £951,147
Mrs Ina **Poliakoff**, of London W8 £731,367
Mrs Jean Swallwood **Roberts**, of Poole, Dorset £948,492
Mrs Marjorie Amy **Storey**, of Milford on Sea, Hants .. £535,774
Mrs Eleanor Bridget **Swayne**, of Chard, Somerset £646,727
Mr Cuthbert George **Yeo**, of Montehoe, Devon £545,164

Nature notes

YOUNG starlings are screaming in their nestholes, with their parents constantly going in and out to feed them. They will soon be chasing the adults across lawns and fields. Many male birds are singing while their mates are sitting on eggs: goldfinches weave long chains of tinkling notes in the treetops, blackbirds sing softly on rooftops. The summer visitors are now building; blackcaps make neat nests in honeysuckle or bramble bushes, and whitethroats make untidy nests in the hedge bottoms. Swallows build mud nests in the rafters of barns or abandoned garages; the males swoop across the fields, singing as they go. Hawthorn is in flower everywhere and many hedges look like high snowdrifts.

In the ditches beneath, the white flowers of cow parsley are very tall. In chalk country,



The blackcap

there are white rosettes among the woolly leaves on the wayfaring trees. Buttercup fields give a sunlit look to the landscape even when the sky is grey. Bluebells are still in flower in the woods, though many are fading; they sometimes grow alongside ramsons, which has sparkling white flowers and a smell of garlic. Hedgehogs and young rabbits are very active and often meet their death on the roads.

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But to convince you that the Son of Man has the right on earth to forgive sins - he turned to the paralysed man - 'I say to you, stand up, take your bed, and go home.' St.Luke 5 : 24

BIRTHS

BERRY - On May 10th to Robert and Stephanie, a beautiful baby girl, Sophie.

BRYANT - On April 27th 1993, to Janice and Alistair of Wickford, Essex, a daughter, Sophie Laura, a sister for Samuel Michael. The first granddaughter of Mr & Mrs M.J. Fitchen of Billericay, Essex.

GATEHOUSE - On May 12th in Hong Kong, to Dale and John, a daughter.

IVISON - On Thursday May 6th 1993, at Queen Charlotte's and Chelsea Hospital, to Fiona (née Trotman) and Marcel, a daughter, Natasha Sophie.

SANDERS - On May 12th, to Jenny and David, a son, Toby Andrew, a brother for Naomi.

SINGLE - On 13th May 1993, to Suzie (née Adam) and Jamie, a daughter, a sister for Rosanna.

SOMERVILLE-LARGE - On May 9th, to Fiona (née Oliver) and Simon, a daughter, Lucinda Grace, a sister for Patrick.

SUNTER - On 12th May, 1993 to Rosemary (née Wakerley) and John a son Guy William.

DIAMOND ANNIVERSARIES

MIDDLEMAS-CRANE - On May 16th 1933 at the Parish Church of St Oswald, Bidston, Wirral, Robert to Eleanor. Now at Howick, Alnwick, Northumberland.

DEATHS

COARD - Margaret Joan (Peggy), dearly loved sister of Dick, peacefully at the Princess Alice Hospice, on 13th May. Cremation at the South-West Middlesex Crematorium, Hounslow Road, Hanworth, Feltham. Floral tributes to Funeral Directors, Frederick W Paine, 102 High Street, Teddington, Middlesex, by 11 am on Thursday 20th May or donations in lieu to the Princess Alice Hospice, West End Lane, Esher, Sy.

COLLARD - On Wednesday May 12th peacefully, Jeanne Elizabeth, beloved wife, mother, grandmother and sister. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Sheet, near Petersfield, Hampshire, on Thursday May 20th at 2.30pm. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to the NSPCC. All enquiries and donations c/o Funeral Services Petersfield Ltd., 19 The Square, Petersfield, Hants. tel: (0730) 262711.

COX - On May 14th, peacefully, Lady Cecily Barbara Talbot, very beloved wife of Sir Geoffrey Cox, dearly loved mother of Peter, Patrick, Rosamond and Evelyn, loving grandmother of Brian, Thomas, Celia, Laura, Christopher, Anthony, Susannah and William. Funeral at St James, Coln St. Dennis, Nr. Northleach, Glos., at 2pm on Thursday May 20th. Family flowers only. Donations, if wished, to SAVE the CHILDREN FUND, c/o Norman, Trotman & Hughes, Northleach.

CROSSKILL - On 15th May, 1993, peacefully at Pembury Hospital, William Edmund, Drypush House, Filmwell, E.Sussex. Beloved husband of Elizabeth, father of Fiona, Jonathan and Joanna. Formerly of Kenya.

CROSS - Josephine, on Friday 7th May. Beloved wife of the late Christopher Turner Cross. Funeral has taken place. No letters please.

DEATHS

FARQUHARSON - On 14th May at home, Maurice Gordon Farquharson C.B.E., M.C., aged 94, dearly loved husband of Nan (née Nancy Konstam) also loving father, grandfather and great grandfather. Funeral Service at St Bride's Church, Fleet Street on Wednesday 19th May at 2.30pm. Followed by cremation at Golders Green at 4pm. No flowers please.

HALLIWELL - On Wednesday May 13th, 1993, gently after a long illness borne with typical stoicism, Dennis (Sqdn Ldr retd) of Buckland, Surrey. Dearly loved husband of June, devoted and proud father of John, Katie, Richard, James and Emma. Brother of Brian and Barry. Funeral at St Mary the Virgin, Buckland on Thursday May 20th at 2.00pm. Please send flowers if you wish, or a donation for the RAF Benevolent Fund, c/o Stoneman Funeral Service, Doran Court, Redhill.

HAWTHORNE LEWIS - (Née de Montmorency) on 15th May, peacefully in a Nursing Home at South Newton, Wilts. Lady Geraldine Susan Maud Hawthorne Lewis, aged 92 years, wife of the late Sir William Hawthorne Lewis. Funeral service at St Mary and St Nicholas Church, Wilton, Salisbury, Wilts. on Friday 21st May 1993 at 12 noon, followed by Cremation at Salisbury Crematorium. Enquiries to Will Case and Partners, Funeral Directors, 0722 414821

KERSH - On May 13th Cyril, dearly loved husband of Suzanne. Funeral service at Golders Green Crematorium on Wednesday 19th May at 12 noon. No flowers, donations if desired to The British Heart Foundation.

DEATHS

KEYZOR - Robert Scott on 11th May 1993, Peacefully in hospital. Dearly loved by Angela and his family. Funeral service at St Peter's Church, Wolvercote on Wednesday 19th May at 12.00 noon followed by interment at St Peter's Churchyard. Hednesford on Thursday 20th May at 11.00am. Flowers to Reeves & Pain, 288, Abingdon Road, Oxford.

MASON - On May 8th 1993, peacefully in hospital, Peter Clifford Arthur, aged 81 years, beloved husband of Muriel and dear father of Christopher and Diana. Private funeral at his request. Donations, if desired, to St Michael's Hospice, Upper Maze Hill, St Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex, TN38 0LB.

MILLS - On May 15th in hospital, Lt. Col. H.W.H. (Bertie) Mills, R.T.R. rtd. Cremation private. Memorial Service at Holy Trinity Church, Bosham, on Thursday 3rd June at 3 pm.

MUNTZ - Elizabeth (Betty). On 4th May, peacefully at Newlands Nursing Home, Bolton, in her 88th year. Widow of R.O.I. Muntz.

WHATMORE - On May 12th 1993, peacefully, Phyllis Mary, beloved mother of Peter, Michael and Mary and loving granny to Lucy, Rowan, Frances and James. Funeral Service at the Church of the Wisdom of God, Buckland Road, Lower Kingswood, Tadworth, on Friday May 21st at 2.30 pm. Flowers to J.B. Shakespeare Ltd., 67 George Street, Croydon.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

CHAPPELL - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Philip Chappell will be held at the Church of St Bartholomew the Great, Smithfield, London EC1, at 11.30 am on Wednesday 23rd June.

METHUEN - A Memorial Service for Cynthia Methuen will be held at St Pancras Catholic Church, Lewes, on Saturday 19th June at 11.30am.

SCHMITZ-GOERTZ - A Thanksgiving Service for Judith, who died on May 6th 1993, will be held at Holy Cross Church, Ramsbury, Wiltshire, June 7th at 3 pm.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

THOMAS — Q.C. on May 17 1989. Jeffrey, beloved husband of Valerie. You are in my thoughts and prayers every day.

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WILLIAM RANDOLPH HEARST JR

William Randolph Hearst Jr, scion of the Hearst newspaper empire in the United States and Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, died in New York on May 14 aged 85. He was born in Manhattan on January 27, 1908.



HE WAS *no Citizen Kane*. Unlike his swashbuckling father of the *same* name, William Randolph Hearst Jr rarely used his papers for idiosyncratic personal campaigns or meddling in world affairs.

Instead, once he held the reins, he insisted that his newspapers practised objective reporting and thorough coverage of local news. It was a policy that paid off. In the first six months after his appointment as editor-in-chief of the Hearst papers in 1955, the chain enjoyed a surge in advertising revenue of more than 10 per cent.

Hearst had inherited a diminished empire. The post of editor-in-chief had lain vacant since the death of his father in 1951, and he had spent the intervening years as the head of a 17-man editorial committee, trying to straighten out the tangled affairs of a chain of 18 newspapers and 11 magazines that stretched from coast to coast, and doing away with what he called their "oldish elements".

At the time, the Hearst newspapers had a combined daily circulation of five million, with seven million on Sundays — far below its peak in the 1920s, when control of 31 newspapers amassed his father a personal fortune estimated at $150 million (his estate when he died was valued at less than $57 million).

Hearst's elevation coincided with the biggest journalistic coup of his career. In January 1955, together with his editorial assistant Frank Conniff, and Kingsbury Smith of the International News Service (also part of the Hearst empire), he went to Moscow and secured a series of frank and revealing interviews with Nikita Khrushchev, Nikolai Bulganin, V. M. Molotov and Marshal Georgi Zhukov.

The resultant series of eight articles gained world-wide circulation, including the Soviet Union, and won the 1956 Pulitzer Prize for international reporting. It was, said the citation, "the most remarkable mission in postwar journalistic history". Hearst's own description of the trip was more down-to-earth: "It beats hell out of sitting around the office."

Hearst later wrote a successful book about the exploit entitled *Ask Me Anything*, which he claimed was what he was invited to do by Khrushchev. Harrison Salisbury, writing in *The New York Times*, described it as a "breezy, informative and frequently deeply revealing narrative". His father would have relished the world scoop, though he had earlier forbidden Hearst to visit Russia on the ground that a Bolshevik state was "hardly safe territory" for his son and press heir.

The second of five sons, Hearst grew up amid the lavish lifestyle of his extravagant father, loving fast cars and aeroplanes, and moving in high society. "None of us knew the meaning of financial need," he wrote later. "We asked, and things simply appeared."

William Randolph Hearst Sr, the prototype of Orson Welles's Charles Foster Kane, had built his empire round the nucleus of a single paper, the *San Francisco Examiner*, which is still the group's flagship. It had been bought by his own father, a wealthy silver miner and politician, in 1880, and was to grow into a conglomerate that included news agencies, radio and television stations, and such magazines as *Good Housekeeping*, *Cosmopolitan*, and *Harper's Bazaar*.

William Randolph Hearst Jr showed an early interest in newspapers, and worked in the press room of the *New York Mirror* during vacations from a California military academy. He went on to the University of California, but left after two years to become a humble cub reporter on another Hearst paper, the *New York American*, working the police beat. But, though he started at the bottom, Hearst did not stay there long. In short order he was promoted to assistant city editor and, in 1936, at the age of 24, he became publisher of the *American*, a post he held for 20 years. It did not, however, keep him at home.

From 1943 to 1945 he worked in Europe as a war correspondent, with his father editing his copy. At one point Hearst Sr is said to have wired him to stop writing about bombing raids until he had actually been on one. Hearst promptly did just that. After the war he said: "Pop said I had written some pretty good stuff. I had become a real newspaperman in his eyes. Nothing in the world was more important to me than the old man's approval."

Hearst acknowledged that he lived in the shadow of his father, but nothing typified the difference between the two men more than his reaction to the 1974 kidnapping, and subsequent imprisonment for bank robbery, of his niece, Patricia Hearst. Far from campaigning on behalf of the girl, who was 20 years old when kidnapped by the Symbionese Liberation Army and persuaded to join them in robbing a California bank, Hearst maintained editorial silence. He feared, he said, that any appeal would be misinterpreted.

Finally, in 1978, he was persuaded to launch a crusade for a presidential pardon, and Patricia Hearst was released from her seven-year prison term soon afterwards.

He kept writing to the end, and the last of his weekly columns, circulated throughout the Hearst chain, was due to be published yesterday.

William Randolph Hearst Jr was married three times and divorced twice. His third wife, Austine, died in 1991, and he is survived by two sons.

PETER BRYAN

Peter Bryan, MBE, former Bursar of Worcester College, Oxford, died in Hampshire on May 9 aged 77. He was born on January 29, 1916.

WHEN in 1958 Worcester College decided that the time had come to appoint a full-time bursar (previously divided between tutorial fellows) it was agreed that only a candidate with an MA would be sufficiently sympathetic. The first interviews produced no such person. Abandoning the requirement, the fellows went back to their original list.

By the greatest good fortune they then spotted Peter Bryan, recently returned from running a sugar plantation in the West Indies. He was appointed domestic bursar from Michaelmas Term (and added the estates bursarship in 1965). He took early retirement in 1973: he had, he said, no wish to continue into the age of the computer.

Reginald Charles Peter Bryan was the son of a jute farmer in India and an Irish mother. After Winchester, where he played for the college against Eton at Lord's, he went through Woolwich and had the rare distinction of having his commission into the Royal Artillery signed by Edward VIII. He was shortly afterwards posted to the Indian Army where he served as acting ADC to Lieutenant-General E. F. Norton, a member of the second, and leader of the third, Everest expeditions in 1922 and 1923.

Bryan's promising military prospects were dramatically cut short just before the war when he contracted the polio which left him with one totally incapacitated leg, reliant on a sturdy walking-stick (used, as bursar, to good effect for poking at likely areas of dry rot in property he was considering for purchase by the college).

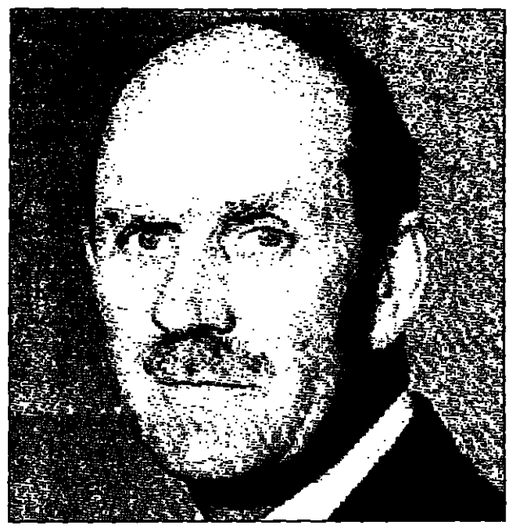
Returned to England and unwilling to accept the constraints of a desk job in uniform, he was seconded, as a civilian, to Naval Intelligence (IDG) in Oxford where he spent the war. Afterwards he transferred, as a permanent civil servant, to the Joint Intelligence Bureau which he left, with an MBE, in 1948. (He was sorely tempted to return the honour when, later, he found himself sharing it with the Beatles.)

He then worked for some ten years in the West Indies until, on his parents' death in 1957, he returned to England, taking up his appointment at Worcester College the following year.

He fell into his new job naturally (he had made many friends among Oxford academics during his war work). An excellent administrator, he was very good with all levels of membership of the college and, without the title of fellow for the first nine years, developed great skills in handling the governing body to which he was answerable and from which he needed to obtain his authority.

He enjoyed being a fellow from 1967 (emeritus from 1974), but sometimes said wryly in later years that the fellows were easier to manage when he wasn't one of them and had no vote, which would identify him with one side of an argument. He was shrewd, quick-witted, articulate, scrupulously fair and not at all afraid of responsibility. In those last years before inflation (his successor arrived the same week as the Arab-Israeli war broke out) the college prospered under the easy partnership of Bryan and Lord Franks, then provost.

He met his wife, Jean Hazell, who survives him, in his Intelligence work in Oxford and their happy marriage lasted just under half-a-century. They had a daughter and a son.



EDOUARD PIGNON

Edouard Pignon, painter, lithographer, etcher, ceramicist and designer, died on May 14 aged 88. He was born at Bully les Mines, Pas-de-Calais, on February 12, 1905.



La Catalane by Edouard Pignon, 1946

EDOUARD Pignon's work veered between the figurative and the abstract. Some felt him to be *inclassable* while others situated him somewhere between Matisse and Picasso. Certainly, he was one of the many distinguished artists of his generation whose life was lived under the shade of Picasso, benefiting from his inspiration, while being simultaneously eclipsed by his brilliance. In Pignon's case, however, the two were also good friends who collaborated, among other things, on the making of pottery at Vallauris, in the early 1950s.

The son of a miner, Edouard Pignon was brought up at Marles-les-Mines in northwestern France. He went down the mines himself from the age of seven but also worked as a ceiling plasterer, metalworker, bricklayer, actor and photographer. In his free time he took a correspondence course in art and, at the age of 22, moved to Paris to work in the Renault and Citroën car factories, attending evening classes in painting and sculpture at the Ecole du Montparnasse and the Ecole des Arts Decoratifs.

Although Pignon's style was always difficult to classify, it was obvious from the start that he was a politically-committed painter. Pignon's father was a militant member of the Socialist party, and Pignon joined the *Association d'Ecrivains et d'Artistes Revolutionnaires* in 1931. There he met such bright lights of the left wing as Louis Aragon and André Malraux, and painters such as Léger, Hélion, Gruber and Taslitzky. He was first introduced to Picasso in 1937 and was deeply moved by Picasso's harrowing comment on the Spanish civil war, *Guernica*.

Pignon's oils and watercolours were soon being shown at the *Salons des Independents* and his first one-man exhibition was held at the *Galerie D'Anjou* in 1939. Communist meetings and factories frequently appeared in his works' backgrounds.

During the German occupation, Pignon was active in the Resistance with the *Front National*, contributing two lithographs to the Resistance album, *Vaincre*. In 1941 he was involved in an exhibition at the *Galerie Braun*. This was brought together under the innocent title of *Vingt jeunes peintres de Tradition Française*, a collection of semi-abstract paintings by the future leaders of the *Ecole de Paris*, which was deliberately intended to provoke the Nazis.

The dominant style of these young artists was a post-Cubism influenced by Braque, Bonnard and Villon; but after the war Pignon began to distance himself from the abstract style and followed the new impulse towards social realism. His paintings, full of colour and movement, worked around such diverse themes as miners, dead workers, grape-harvesting, olive trees, cock-fights, and scenes of electricians working on pylons.

Not everyone was impressed. In 1953 his large canvas, *L'Ouvrier Mort*, was shown in London at an exhibition designed to raise money for various peace councils and peace committees.

The Times's art critic felt that Pignon had been unable to stop his noble workmen from resembling one of Picasso's "monsters": "He has been brought up to represent figures in this way and the fact that he has felt it his duty to show his interest in the cause of the workers has not in any way set him free from a formalism likely to be repugnant to his audience." Pignon was not, the writer concluded, interested in his subject, but in giving a half-abstract picture a political twist.

A closer friendship with Picasso had developed during 1951 when the two artists began to experiment in pottery in Vallauris, near Cannes, at the *Maison de la Pensée Française*. They also shared an aesthetic appreciation of very large women, the very antithesis of the boyish figures then deemed fashionable in France and, when not working, would lie on the beach on the Golfe-Juan eyeing up the well-fed local girls.

They appeared on the podium together several times at communist rallies, but Pignon dropped active party work following the Soviet invasion of Hungary in 1956, along with Yves Montand, Simone Signoret and other disillusioned French intellectuals.

However, he continued to travel to communist countries. In 1968 he undertook a fresco for the Museum of Modern Art in Havana and organised a retrospective of some fifty of his largest works which he took to Romania, Hungary and Poland between 1973 and 1975.

His resignation from the French Communist party did not come till 1980. A few years later he produced a poster for the then imprisoned dissident Vaclav Havel in Czechoslovakia.

Pignon maintained a political vigour in his artwork, although his *Batailles* series of the 1960s also tended towards the decorative colours of Matisse. From 1948 he designed for the *Théatre National Populaire*, including sets for Brecht's *Mother Courage*. He illustrated the poems of Jacques Prévert, and executed several large murals in fresco or using ceramic relief.

He was awarded the Grand Prix at the Sao Paulo Bienal in 1951, the Guggenheim Prize in 1958, and the Prix Leonardo da Vinci in 1973. A retrospective of his work was held at the Grand Palais in Paris when he was 80 and President Mitterrand made him commander of the Legion d'Honneur in 1990.

Edouard Pignon was married three times. His third wife, the communist writer Hélène Parmelin, whom he married in 1950, predeceased him. He is survived by a son from his third marriage and a son and a daughter from his second marriage.

CYRIL KERSH

Cyril Kersh, author and journalist, died on May 13 aged 68. He was born on February 24, 1925.

CYRIL Kersh was a fine comic novelist and a thoroughly professional journalist. He became Fleet Street's first photo-composition editor when, as part of the Mirror Group's prolonged attempt to adapt to modern production methods, he introduced the new technology to the magazine *Reveille*. He also figured in a lasting Fleet Street anecdote as the only executive ever to be concussed by his editor while he was acting as a human tee.

Michael Christiansen, the golfing enthusiast editor of the *Sunday Mirror*, was in his office with Kersh, his features editor, when he wanted to try out a new driver. He went to his desk, picked up a pear from a bowl of fruit and persuaded Kersh to lie on the carpet and place the pear on his forehead. Christiansen took a great swing and struck Kersh on the temple. A secretary entered the office to hear Christiansen crying: "I've killed him. My God, I've killed him." Kersh said in his autobiography that he remembered nothing for an hour afterwards but a doctor found he had not been injured seriously.

Kersh, bow-tied, voluble and always alive to the ridiculous, was an anecdotalist in the old Fleet Street tradition, and his story of being knocked out by Christiansen was retailed by him in many a journalists' bar. But his stories of his comic experiences merely masked a first-class, all-round newspaperman.

He was the son of Hyman and Lesh Kersh and educated at Westcliff High School in Essex. On leaving school he worked at times for a newsagent, a woollen merchant and an illegal toy manufacturer, rejecting all family attempts to make him settle down in his uncle's bakery business. He served in the Royal Navy from 1943 to 1947 but all the time he had been determined on a journalistic career. Before being called up he had talked his way into becoming a trainee reporter on *The People* and on demobilisation he proceeded to become news editor and features editor of the paper under the editorship of Stuart (Sam) Campbell.

Kersh moved around Fleet Street for a time. He was a feature writer on the *Evening Standard* and for three years he edited *Men Only*. During one period of turmoil at the *Daily Express* he was enticed on to the paper by one editor and discovered his services were not required by another — after just one day. Kersh, taking his redundancy money, said this was the shortest and most lucrative employment of his life.

Then, in 1963, he joined the Mirror Group, where he was to remain for the rest of his career. He was feature editor of the *Sunday Mirror* and then senior features executive. In 1976 he was appointed editor of *Reveille*, the group's weekly magazine, but in 1979, after a damaging strike, the board decided to close it down — despite Kersh's pleas. He returned to the *Sunday Mirror* as assistant editor in charge of features and stayed with the paper through the first years of the Maxwell upheaval, retiring in 1986 after having been promoted to managing editor.

Kersh was the author of five humorous and surprisingly sensitive novels which drew largely on his childhood experiences as a member of a warm Jewish family. His autobiography, *A Few Gross Words* (1990), was an amusing and self-mocking account of his life in a now vanished Fleet Street.

He was married in 1956 to Suzanne Fajner.

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"BALAKLAVA."

The latest addition to the Bond-street picture shows is the exhibition opened in the Gallery of the Fine Arts Society of Miss Elizabeth Thompson's "Balaklava". Engravings of "Balaklava" and its popular predecessors, "The Roll Call" and "Quatre Bras," are about to be published by the Society which now exhibits the young arist's last work.

Miss Thompson's picture represents the muster after the retreat of the shattered remains of the Light Brigade, which followed their famous charge down the North Valley of Balaklava on the morning of October 25, 1854. The scene is on the crest of the "Causeway Heights," which skirted the southern side of the valley. To a point on this ridge the wreck of the broken Brigade is drifting in, singly, or by twos and threes, mounted and afoot, wounded and unwounded, horse and man. The composition is clear and well arranged. Its central figure is one of the 11th, who, having come unwounded out of the *mêlée*, walks on, as if in a dream, with distended eyes, set features, and clenched fists, still grasping his naked sword, and deaf to the cries of his comrades who invite him to join their muster. Behind him, the central group is completed by a Sergeant of the 17th Lancers on a bay charger, which struggles slowly up the ridge under the double load of its master and a wounded trumpeter whom he is bringing in his arms, and who has swooned or died on the way. At their side a trooper of the 4th Light Dragoons guides the gray charger of a severely-wounded comrade, who reels in the saddle as his horse tops the ridge. On the left, these new arrivals are hailed by men of their own and the other regiments which furnished contingents to the Brigade, some wounded, some unhurt, but all serving to tell us how the brigade was made up and what it has gone through.

Besides her power of relieving her grim theme with individual interest, Miss Thompson has shown great intelligence in the selection of her moment, and in the means she has found of indicating the peculiar elements and incidents of the charge, the retreat, and the rally. In technical qualities this picture, we should be disposed to say, speaking from recollection of its predecessors, is the best that Miss Thompson has produced. The colour of the sky and the painting of the landscape are still open to exception: but both the drawing and the painting of men and horses are full of force and spirit.

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NEWS

Russia says it can end Bosnia war

■ Russia yesterday seized the initiative over Bosnia-Herzegovina, declaring that it could put out the fire in the former Yugoslavia and offering to send troops to enforce the Vance-Owen peace plan.

The foreign minister called for the imposition of the plan — brushing aside Bosnian Serbs who were almost certain to reject it in their referendum — and said President Yeltsin wanted "some sort of fire brigade" sent **Pages 1, 13**

Ministers ready for rail U-turn

■ The government is expected to announce a third policy climbdown the face of a mounting Tory backbench rebellion over its bill to privatise railways. Ministers intend to amend the bill to ensure that pension rights for existing British Rail employees will be protected **Pages 1, 16**

Oxford stress

Four out of ten students at Oxford University have considered dropping out of their course, according to a survey examining the pressure on undergraduates in the light of three recent deaths at the university. Nine out of ten students reported problems with the volume of work expected of them..... **Pages 1, 17**

Danish poll yes

A poll on the eve of Denmark's second vote on the Maastricht treaty suggested that Danes are ready to back it. It shows that 50 per cent of Danes are prepared to vote yes with 32 per cent against **Pages 1, 10, 16, 17**

Gunman shot dead

A man was shot dead and three police officers were injured after a night of violence in central Scotland. A man was wounded after exchanging fire with police and is being guarded in hospital **Page 3**

Accident deaths cut

The first hospital trauma centre designed to deal with serious accidents has halved the death rate among victims and could lead to an overhaul of the emergency services..... **Page 5**

FO review urged

A coroner has written to the Foreign Office asking for a review of procedures for dealing with the cases of Britons imprisoned abroad, after the suicide of a south London man in a French prison last year..... **Page 7**

Law student debts

One is three law students in England and Wales incurs debts of up to £5,000 when studying to become a solicitor, reinforcing fears that the legal profession is becoming an enclave of the well-off..... **Page 7**

Heroines honoured

France yesterday gave thanks for the freeing of the Neuilly-sur-Seine nursery school children in the early hours of Saturday morning and paid tribute to the calmness and courage of its two new heroines, Laurence Dreyfus and Evelyne Lambert... **Page 11**

Cinton's upbeat view

President Clinton is trying to turns attention back to the US economy after weeks of media criticism and falling poll ratings. In his weekly radio address, he gave a defiant and unusually optimistic and confidence-boosting assessment..... **Page 12**

Spanish deadlock

As Spain prepares for next month's general election, opinion polls show the ruling socialists and the right-wing Popular Party running neck and neck, but the surveys were taken before last Thursday's devaluation of the peseta..... **Page 11**

Slovo case arrest

John Beck, the alleged mastermind behind a plot to assassinate Joe Slovo, the national chairman of the South African Communist Party, has been arrested..... **Page 12**

Crown and state: the great debate

■ "Forty years after the coronation, there is a unique series of pressures bearing down upon our unwritten constitution — pressures to which those who would preserve, reform or abolish the monarchy must find a response." Peter Stothard previews Saturday's *Times*/Charter 88 conference on the future of the monarchy **Page 8**



Shore leave: sailors spending a rainy day at the East Asian games in Shanghai. While seats at events such as swimming and football are taken by paying spectators, the stands at daytime athletic events are occupied mostly by children and the military

SPORT

Golf: Sweden's Joakim Haeggman won the Spanish Open by two strokes after shooting a final round of 68 for a 13-under par total of 275. Britain's Nick Faldo was joint runner-up **Page 23**

Football: "No victory to celebrate, no loss to bemoan, no moons and no parrots. A desolate lap of honour was greeted with all the enthusiasm of a British Rail apology." Andrew Longmore on a woeful FA Cup final..... **Page 25**

Rugby Union: England's Rob Andrew, who will be writing for *The Times* while touring with the British Isles in New Zealand, analyses the crucial challenges that lie ahead **Page 29**

Jobless blow: A rise in long-term unemployment expected to be announced later this week will provide ammunition against the claims that economic recovery is under way..... **Page 44**

QE2 grounding: An American report on last year's grounding of the QE2 off Massachusetts is expected soon and is likely to be studied closely by insurers to Cunard facing an expected bill of £20 million **Page 44**

Lloyd's losses: Next month's likely record Lloyd's losses will wipe out more than half the total profits that have been amassed by the insurance market between 1950 and 1987 **Page 44**

Jobs for the girls: An explosion in the number of part-time jobs for women and a decline in the male workforce have disturbing implications for pensions and care of the elderly **Page 14**

Simple and stylish: The grunge and hippy influences have liberated fashion and paved the way for a summer of freedom **Page 15**

School's out: Opting out has taken off in England, but has been slow getting off the ground elsewhere **Page 35**

Cinema's annual circus: Dinner with Belgian muscleman Jean-Claude Van Damme, a stroll along the Croisette, or Mike Leigh's latest, and finest, film? Geoff Brown guides us through the Cannes Film Festival..... **Page 37**

Europe's hopeful warblers: The Eurovision Song Contest has been going for 38 years but there are still only two types of song that ever win: the tonsil-shaking ballad and the cheery belter..... **Page 37**

One in a thousand: Great truths are revealed in Opera North's stunning new production of Berg's terrifying and grotesque *Wozzeck*. This is a production that has to be seen **Page 38**



Suleyman Demirel, seven times prime minister of Turkey, was yesterday elected president in succession to Turgut Ozal
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Rebecca Stephens braved gale-force winds on Everest last night as she set out to tackle the mountain's final 3,000 ft
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Gary Lineker, whose first league game for his new club in Japan ended in a 5-0 defeat. David Miller reports
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THE TIMES TOMORROW

Levin says: leave well alone

■ Disturbed by news that the peace of Easter Island's giant stone statues has been disrupted, Bernard Levin wonders why people cannot leave things alone

Criminal justice: where now?

■ Where does the criminal justice system go now? A chance to take part in a *Times* forum, the first public debate on the findings of the royal commission

Writer playing with fire

■ It takes an act of bravery to invoke the Iron Lady in a play's title, but Trevor Griffiths has done it

TV CHOICE

Bad Company (BBC2, 9pm, concluding on Wednesday) is an absorbing dramatisation of the case of newspaper boy Carl Bridgewater and the campaign to reprieve the four men convicted of his murder..... **Page 43**

COMMENT

Voting for Europe

The Danes will be speaking for the people of Europe, sending a message to those politicians who would rather shape the continent's future over the heads of its inhabitants..... **Page 17**

A cure for the blues

It may be time for Oxford to mimic Cambridge and assign each undergraduate a tutor in charge of his or her general welfare..... **Page 17**

Highway robbery

British cities have a new breed of urban Dick Turpins: modern highwaymen extorting money from their victims with implicit threats..... **Page 17**

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

The structure of the Maastricht treaty creates a rigidity which is certain to snap. This rigidity will start to be apparent in phase two, for which France is already preparing; it will be even more dangerous if Europe reaches the stage of a single currency..... **Page 16**

PETER RIDDELL

Mr Major is danger of having the worst of all worlds. Not only does he have an inner core of tired, perpetual ministers, but his room for manoeuvre is limited by the upheavals of recent years ... The prime minister has a predicable choice if he wants to replace his Chancellor — as is now being strongly urged by Tory party managers..... **Page 16**

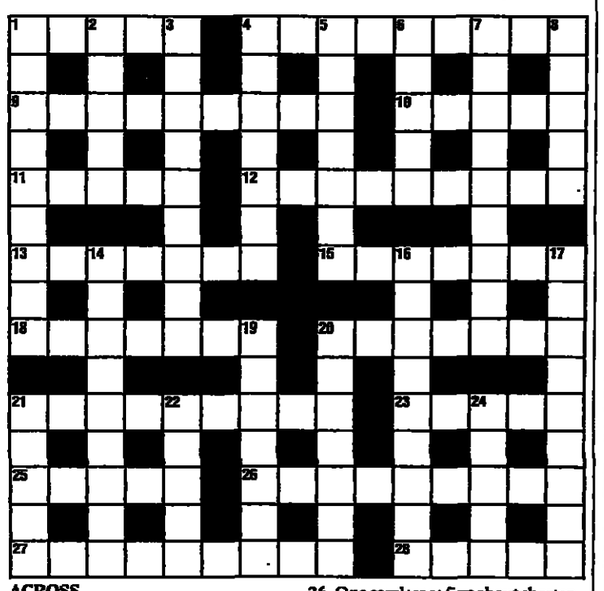
LETTERS

Are women at Oxford disadvantaged on the academic ladder?..... **Page 17**

The real problems ailing the Clinton administration now are *not* about public relations but about governing
— The Washington Post

As the 21st century approaches, the earth's nations must pay more profound attention to the earth's health. They can start by paying more attention to women's health
— The New York Times

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1 It's played on board ship by a guerrilla leader (5).
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11 Thickness displayed by a hen (5).
12 A tidy packet, thus described! (9).
13 A rise for the workers (7).
15 Macaroni-like food with pop mixed in it? (7)
18 Capricious fellow sheltering a deserter (7).
20 Liveried servant formerly in the infantry (7).
21 This strategem works when initiated by a soldier (9).
23 Keen always to be astride a horse (5).
25 Hurried back to protect a girl in the depths (5).
26 One careless at first about shortening of sentence (9).
27 She's an imp, crooked and deformed (9).
28 Weapon fired originally in anger (5).

DOWN

1 Coward's procession (9).
2 Premature end to rule supported by Lear's uncle (5).
3 Plant producing armament where the money is made (9).
4 Artist thus protected by friend's sunshade (7).
5 In climbing trees he initially foiled a law officer (7).
6 Macbeth ostentatiously displayed characteristic spirit (5).
7 Secondary school equipped with bars (9).
8 Bird lacking part of crest (5).
14 Trios introducing the Land of Sleep in laments (9).
16 He claims to be in higher education (9).
17 Snag for farm-worker embracing new career (9).
19 Container taking in deliveries of whitewash? (5-2).
20 He enjoys civic liberties thus rejected by a lodge member (7).
21 Sort of skirt seen on many on the staff (5).
22 Start off from home for the terminal (5).
24 It maybe good when expressing surprise (5).

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KNOCKANDO
Pure Single Malt Scotch Whisky

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 19,231 will appear next Saturday. The 5 winners will receive a bottle of Knockando, a superb Speyside Single Malt Scotch whisky and a stationery rack.

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WEATHER

Eastern England will start bright and mainly dry but central areas will be cloudy, with showers. Wales, the West and North will have more persistent rain, becoming brighter with showers and a risk of thunder. Northern Ireland will have heavy rain, becoming more showery. Rain over Scotland will move north. Windy in many areas. Outlook: rain clearing, followed by sun and showers from the West.

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	22	72	s	Luxor	42	108	s
Alcrotiri	22	72	s	Madrid	21	70	f
Alex'dria	22	72	f	Majorca	22	72	s
Algiers	25	77	s	Malaga	20	68	s
Amst'dm	15	59	f	Malta	22	72	c
Athens	23	73	s	Melb'rne	13	55	c
Bahrain	32	90	s	Miami*	30	86	s
Bangkok	24	75	t	Milan	23	73	f
Barbados*	31	88	f	Montreal*	16	61	c
Barcelna	20	68	s	Moscow	23	73	s
Beirut	21	70	c	Munich	15	59	c
Belgrade	23	73	f	Nairobi	22	72	f
Berlin	25	59	c	Naples	21	70	s
Bermuda*	27	81	s	N Delhi	39	102	s
Biarritz	24	75	f	N York*	21	70	s
Borde'x	22	72	f	Nice	21	70	s
Brussels	15	59	s	Oslo	15	59	f
Budapst	24	75	f	Paris	16	61	s
B Aires*	17	63	f	Peking	24	75	s
Cairo	30	86	f	Perth	25	77	s
Cape Tn	19	66	c	Prague	17	63	s
Chicago*	21	70	s	Reykjavik	2	36	f
Ch'church	9	48	d	Rhodes	20	68	s
Cologne	17	63	s	Rio de J	20	68	f
C'phagn	15	59	s	Riyadh	36	97	c
Corfu	21	70	f	Rome	21	70	f
Dublin	12	54	s	Salzburg	15	59	f
Dubrovnik	20	68	r	S F'isco*	18	64	s
Faro	21	70	s	Santiago*	14	57	c
Florance	22	72	f	Seoul	20	68	f
Frankfurt	17	63	s	Sing'por	29	84	f
Funchal	20	68	c	St'kholm	21	70	f
Geneva	18	64	s	Strasb'rg	17	63	f
Gibraltar	19	66	s	Sydney	15	59	c
Helsinki	20	68	s	Tangier	24	75	s
Hong K	28	82	c	Tel Aviv	24	75	c
Innsbrck	16	61	f	Tenerife	22	72	s
Istanbul	17	63	f	Tokyo	19	66	f
Jeddah	37	99	s	Toronto*	21	70	f
Jo'burg*	20	68	f	Tunis	25	77	s
Karachi	33	91	f	Valencia	23	73	s
L Palmas	20	68	s	Vanc'ver*	17	63	f
Le Touqt	16	61	f	Venice	23	73	s
Lisbon	20	68	s	Vienna	21	70	c
Locarno	21	70	f	Warsaw	18	64	f
London	13	55	c	Washton*	28	79	s
L Angels*	23	68	f	Wel'ton	11	52	r
Luxmbg	15	59	c	Zurich	15	59	c

* denotes figures are latest available

YESTERDAY

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 15C (59F); min 6pm to 6am, 8C (46F). Humidity: 6pm, 72 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 6.1hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,011.2 millibars, falling 1,000 millibars = 29.53in

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Saturday: Highest day temp: Poole, Dorset, 15C (59F); lowest day max: Tulloch Bridge, Highland, 6C (43F); highest rainfall: Inverness, Highland, 1.30in; highest sunshine: Bournemouth, Dorset, 14.2hr.

RAINFALL

Yesterday: Temp max 6am to 6pm, 13C (55F); min 6pm to 6am, 4C (39F) Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.14in Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 2.4hr.

SUNSHINE

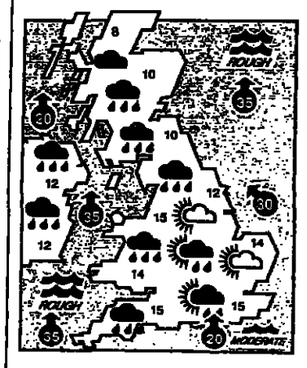
Yesterday: Temp max 6am to 6pm, 14C (57F); min 6pm to 6am, 3C (37F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.05in Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 8.1hr.

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	8.6	0.08	11	52	shower
Anglesey	1.3	0.41	12	54	rain
Aviemore	7.4	0.02	11	52	shower
Belfast	4.1	0.16	13	55	shower
Birmingham	4.8	0.08	13	55	shower
Bognor Regis	4.5	0.01	14	57	shower
Bournemouth	1.6	0.05	14	57	rain
Bristol	2.4	0.07	15	59	rain
Buxton	4.3	0.11	10	50	shower
Cardiff	1.4	0.02	13	55	rain
Clacton	5.8	-	15	59	sunny
Colwyn Bay	2.6	0.52	13	55	rain
Cromer	10.2	-	17	63	sunny
Edinburgh	7.0	0.05	14	57	shower
Eskdalemuir	1.5	0.44	10	50	shower
Exmouth	1.8	0.24	13	55	rain
Falmouth	1.1	0.22	13	55	shower
Folkestone	9.8	-	14	57	sunny
Glasgow	8.1	0.05	14	57	shower
Guernsey	3.0	0.05	17	63	cloudy
Hastings	5.8	-	13	55	sunny
Hunstanton	9.2	-	15	59	bright
Isle of Man	5.0	0.04	13	55	rain
Jersey	4.8	0.05	17	63	cloudy
Kinloss	7.3	-	14	57	bright
Leeds	5.4	0.05	13	55	rain
Lerwick	7.4	0.02	9	48	bright
Littlehampton	5.0	0.01	14	57	shower
Liverpool	2.8	0.20	12	54	rain
London	6.1	-	15	59	sunny
Lowestoft	8.1	0.01	14	57	bright
Manchester	2.4	0.14	13	55	rain
Margate	11.6	-	17	63	bright
Minehead	3.3	0.14	15	59	rain
Morecambe	1.3	0.42	12	54	rain
Newcastle	6.4	0.04	13	55	rain
Penzance	2.0	0.24	14	57	rain
Plymouth	1.0	0.17	13	55	rain
Prestwick	2.0	0.17	14	57	rain
Sandown	3.9	0.02	14	57	cloudy
Saunton Snd	0.9	0.04	15	59	cloudy
Scarborough	9.2	-	13	55	bright
Scilly Isles	1.7	0.17	13	55	rain
Shanklin	3.9	0.03	14	57	cloudy
Southend	4.1	-	15	59	cloudy
Southsea	3.9	0.01	14	57	cloudy
Stornoway	4.1	0.43	9	48	shower
Swanage	2.9	0.06	14	57	shower
Teignmouth	1.2	0.31	13	55	rain
Tenby	0.6	0.48	13	55	rain
Tiree	10.0	0.02	11	52	shower
Torquay	1.2	0.30	13	55	rain
Weymouth	1.8	0.01	13	55	rain
Worthing	4.9	-	14	57	cloudy

EXCHANGE RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.28	2.08
Austria Sch	18.40	16.80
Belgium Fr	53.80	49.40
Canada $	2.07	1.91
Denmark Kr	10.11	9.31
Finland Mkk	9.12	8.32
France Fr	8.81	8.11
Germany Dm	2.605	2.405
Greece Dr	350.00	325.00
Hong Kong $	12.50	11.50
Ireland Pt	1.064	0.984
Italy Lira	2385.00	2220.00
Japan Yen	188.00	168.00
Netherlands Gld	2.93	2.70
Norway Kr	11.06	10.26
Portugal Esc	249.30	230.50
South Africa Rd	6.05	5.25
Spain Pta	194.00	181.00
Sweden Kr	11.67	11.07
Switzerland Fr	2.355	2.175
Turkey Lira	15700.0	14700.0
USA $	1.63	1.50

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.





BRIDGING DEGREES

London 9.19 pm to 4.36 am
Bristol 9.28 pm to 4.46 am
Edinburgh 9.53 pm to 4.27 am
Manchester 9.36 pm to 4.35 am
Penzance 9.35 pm to 5.03 am

Sun rises: 5.06 am
Sun sets: 8.49 pm
Moon rises 3.01 am
Moon sets 4.42 pm
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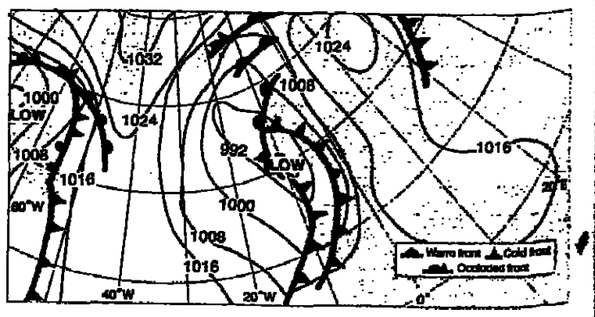
Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	13	55	f	Guernsey	12	55	c
B'mngham	11	52	r	Inverness	11	52	r
Blackpool	10	50	s	Jersey	14	57	f
Bristol	12	54	c	London	13	55	c
Cardiff	11	52	r	M'nchster	11	52	r
Edinburgh	13	55	r	Newcastle	12	54	r
Glasgow	10	50	c	R'nldsway	12	54	r

HIGH SEAS

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	11.59	6.1	—	—	Liverpool	9.11	7.8	9.44	7.9
Aberdeen	11.26	3.4	—	—	Lowestoft	8.01	2.1	7.30	2.1
Avonmouth	4.50	10.7	5.17	10.8	Margate	10.17	4.1	10.15	4.1
Belfast	8.59	2.9	9.32	2.9	Milford Haven	4.05	5.6	4.34	5.6
Cardiff	4.35	10.0	5.02	10.1	Newquay	3.02	5.7	3.30	5.7
Devonport	3.15	4.5	3.52	4.6	Oban	3.53	3.2	4.12	3.1
Dover	9.16	5.5	9.28	5.7	Penzance	2.26	4.5	3.00	4.6
Falmouth	2.45	4.3	3.22	4.4	Portland	3.52	1.4	4.50	1.5
Glasgow	11.02	4.0	11.26	4.0	Portsmouth	9.11	3.8	9.38	4.0
Harwich	9.54	3.4	10.05	3.4	Shoreham	9.19	4.9	9.41	5.3
Holyhead	8.24	4.8	9.02	4.8	Southampton	9.02	3.7	9.31	3.9
Hull	4.31	5.9	4.23	6.2	Swansea	4.01	7.7	4.32	7.8
Ilfracombe	3.47	7.3	4.15	7.4	Tees	1.29	4.5	1.36	4.6
King's Lynn	4.30	5.0	4.35	5.3	W'ton-on-Nze	9.53	3.6	10.04	3.6
Leith	12.18	4.5	12.27	4.5					

NOON TODAY



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Masked maestro: Paul Gascoigne wears a special face-guard to protect his fractured cheekbone during Lazio's 5-0 win over Ancona in the Italian league yesterday, a victory that lifted Lazio into joint fourth place in the table. Gascoigne sustained the injury after a clash with Jan Wouters in England's 2-2 draw against Holland last month

Sugar spices row at Tottenham

BY JOHN GOODBODY

TERRY Venables will this morning be back at his desk at White Hart Lane after three days of public feuding with Alan Sugar, the chairman of Tottenham Hotspur. Sugar said yesterday that the supporters might forget Venables if the club won the opening matches of next season.

Although Sugar, who sacked Venables as chief executive on Friday only to see him reinstated when a High Court judge granted an injunction, praised Venables as a coach, he also described football supporters as "very fickle".

Sugar said that "no one man is bigger than Tottenham Hotspur Football Club" and that he had sacked Venables in the best interests of the club. "Three or four games into the season, if we win and the manager becomes a hero, the cruel harsh reality is that maybe Terry is forgotten. Maybe. I do not know," he said on LBC radio.

Sugar will today be consulting his lawyers on whether to take any further action prior to the High Court hearing on May 25, while Venables seeks someone to buy Sugar's 43 per cent shareholding in the club.

On May 6, Sugar made Venables what he termed as a "fair, generous" offer for his 23 per cent shareholding at the original price he paid in June 1991, when the pair took over the club after a takeover battle with the late Robert Maxwell. Sugar also offered to pay him compensation for about £1 million for the remaining three years of his £225,000-a-year contract as chief executive.

Sugar said: "The offer was made with the intention of making sure that Terry would be able to walk away and not be placed into any financial difficulties." He stressed that the offer had not been made in "any way or form knowing that he has financial problems."

However, Venables, 50, has described the offer as "derisory". "I would not have got my money back," he said on Saturday. "It was the original amount I paid but I have had to service that money. It has come to a lot. I know I will get that back by the performance of the team. That is my long-term strategy."

Sugar, chairman of Amstrad, replied yesterday: "Every businessman in the world would like to be able to recover interest on loans they took to go into business ventures but regretfully, in the cruel, harsh world, that is a dream."

Venables, who moved to White Hart Lane as manager in 1987, may be under financial pressure because one of the companies, from whom he borrowed money to buy his Tottenham shares, has collapsed and the receivers are demanding the money quickly. Venables has had financial difficulties in the past. In his early days he dabbled unprofitably in a menswear business. A Mayfair wine bar was repossessed last year by its landlord owing £50,000 in back rent and he has had interests in three public houses that have run into problems.

Sugar agreed that until the court case resolved the issue, the Tottenham staff was going to be in "total disarray as to what direction they are going to work in. It is going to be very, very difficult." However, he stressed that as long as he was at the club it would not get into any financial difficulties.

It is clear that whatever happens, it will be impossible for both men to remain at White Hart Lane. Sugar termed the split as "irreparable.."

He described the original partnership as a "dream made in heaven: two East End boys, one an expert on football matters, and the other, maybe not an expert, but certainly quite used to financial and commercial matters and marketing and that was it. Unfortunately that dream has turned out to be a nightmare."

Sugar has always insisted that nobody was questioning Venables's ability as a football coach, but said Venables was dismissed because he involved himself in the commercial side of the club without consulting him. Yesterday, he blamed Venables's relationship with Jonathan Crystal, the Tottenham director, who backed the chief executive at the board last Friday. He said: "I blame Crystal for everything that has happened to this company in the past two years.

"Terry will reflect in years to come how his dream to run and own part of a football club was destroyed by Jonathan Crystal and nobody else." He described him as "loading the bullets in a gun which regrettably Terry has been constantly firing."

Sugar also has had reservations about Venables's relationship with Eddie Ashby, an undischarged bankrupt, who has been involved in 43 companies. Sixteen of these are in receivership, eight in liquidation and 15 have been struck off by the Registrar of Companies.

However, Venables, a former England international and manager of Crystal Palace, Queens Park Rangers and Barcelona, has been loyal to his old friend. Ashby was part of the negotiations which led to Paul Gascoigne leaving the club for £5.5 million to help reduce the £18 million debt that existed at Tottenham in 1991.

Venables insists that the financial situation of the club has improved. "Two years ago we lost £2.8 million but this year we are £5 million ahead. We must be doing something right, whatever Alan Sugar thinks."

'Play me up front' Warhurst pleads

SHEFFIELD Wednesday's goal-scoring find of the season, Paul Warhurst, yesterday pleaded, "play me up front in the replay".

Warhurst, who started the season in the centre of defence before being turned into an emergency centre forward, scoring 12 goals in 13 games, after David Hirst was injured in January, reverted to defence for the FA Cup final against Arsenal at Wembley on Saturday because of an injury to Peter Shirtliff.

"I prefer playing up front after all the goals I've scored this season," Warhurst said, "and I'd like to be selected to play in attack for the replay.

"It was straight out of the blue being told to play in defence after Peter had failed his fitness test on a calf strain, but I'm prepared to play anywhere," he said. Whether Warhurst gets the chance to go for goal on Thursday could depend on the fitness of Shirtliff and Viv Anderson, who suffered knee ligament damage, plus the availability of Roland Nilsson, who is needed for World Cup duty by Sweden.

Trevor Francis, the Wednesday manager, is clearly as happy to employ his brilliant all-rounder at the back as up front, however. "Warhurst played exceptionally well in defence," he said, "and I think he was perhaps the game's outstanding player."

Nilsson, meanwhile, has offered to fly straight back to London after Sweden's match with Austria on Wednesday.

"There's no way I could pull out of the international match, because if I did, I would be saying goodbye to playing in the World Cup and that is every player's dream," the full back said.

"At the same time, I desperately want to play in the replay, and if Trevor wants me to play, I will."

Thursday's replay will be the last cup game behind fences at Wembley. Afterwards, the perimeter fencing will be torn down and replaced with a dry moat in an attempt to improve the ground, following complaints of restricted viewing.

The work should be completed for the Charity Shield in August.

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Tourists slide as Fordham shines bright

BY PETER BALL

NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire beat the Australians on a faster scoring rate

THE Australians lost their unbeaten record in unsatisfactory circumstances yesterday. Chasing Northamptonshire's 274, set with Alan Fordham becoming only the second player to take a century off the tourists so far, they needed 99 off 17 overs with eight wickets in hand when the weather intervened.

Had the rain arrived four overs earlier the Australians would have been ahead on run rate, but the loss of their second wicket had momentarily slowed the charge. As it was they returned for one over, adding another eight runs towards a reduced target of 264 in 53 overs, before the rain returned.

But if the weather ensured that they were unable to warm up for the Texaco Trophy matches with a win, they did the next best thing, getting in some useful batting practice, with an undefeated 89 for Mark Taylor.

Until his departure, Mark Waugh had been even more forceful as the pair put on 144 in 27 overs. But the bowlers had a less happy day in the cold, neither McDermott or Hughes getting much life out of the pitch.

But even though the bowling lacked fire, something the watching England manager, Keith Fletcher, will have noted, that does nothing to undermine the performances of Fordham and Bailey, whose stand dominated the Northamptonshire innings.

Fordham in particular batted quite beautifully. His county record suggests he should be considered seriously for honours, and he looks the part, too, driving elegantly and cutting ferociously.

Yesterday he was untroubled from the start. Felton stayed long enough to give Northamptonshire a solid start, and Bailey came in to join Fordham in the major stand of the innings, the pair putting on 136 in 28 overs.

Fordham had hit nine fours, and had batted for 167 minutes when he was adjudged lbw to McDermott just after reaching his 100. But if they thought his departure marked a turning point they were to be disillusioned as Lamb joined Bailey to put the bowlers to the sword.

Lamb is still one of the most destructive one day batsmen in the game, and he was in his element yesterday as he and the admirable Bailey put on 70 in eight overs, Hughes and McDermott both going for 14 off one over.

But if the total was a sizeable one, Taylor and Waugh had put it well within reach until the rain arrived to spoil the record.

SCOREBOARD

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

A Fordham lbw b McDermott	101
N A Felton c Waugh b Reiffel	32
R J Bailey not out	82
*A J Lamb not out	37
Extras (lb 12, w 5, nb 4)	21
Total (2 wkts, 55 overs)	273

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-67, 2-203

M B Loye, D J Capel, A L Penberthy, †D Ripley, J P Taylor, A Walker and N G B Cook did not bat.

BOWLING: McDermott 11-1-48-1; Hughes 9-0-52-0; S R Waugh 4-0-20-0; Reiffel 10-1-35-1; May 11-0-49-0; Border 7-0-40-0; M E Waugh 3-0-17-0.

AUSTRALIANS

M A Taylor not out	89
M E Waugh b Cook	74
D C Boon st Ripley b Bailey	12
*A R Border not out	3
Extras (b 3, lb 1, w 1)	5
Total (2 wkts, 39 overs)	183

S R Waugh, D R Martyn, †I A Healy, T B A May, M G Hughes, P R Reiffel and C J McDermott did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-144, 2-171.

BOWLING: Taylor 7-0-26-0; Walker 5-0-17-0; Penberthy 8-0-32-0; Capel 5-0-35-0; Cook 8-0-34-1; Bailey 8-1-35-1

Umpires: J H Hams and A A Jones.

Haeggman holds his nerve to fend off Faldo

FROM JOHN HOPKINS
GOLF CORRESPONDENT
IN MADRID

ANDERS Forsbrand was throwing some clothes into a suitcase in the locker-room at the Royal Automobile Club of Spain early yesterday afternoon when he was asked how good a golfer Joakim Haeggman, his fellow Swede, was. "He is a good solid player, a good striker," Forsbrand replied. "He is certainly good enough to win this week."

A couple of hours later Forsbrand was proved right when Haeggman won his first tournament on the European Tour. The 23-year-old, who had been the joint leader overnight with Ernie Els, of South Africa, won it in nerveless style. With Ian Woosnam, Nick Faldo and José María Olazábal among those close behind him, he carved out a 68 around the tight, demanding course to the north of Madrid without a single bogey to take the Spanish Open with a total of 275, 13 under par.

Faldo, who finished equal second with Els (70), had a 68 to finish two strokes behind Haeggman. It was the second successive year Faldo had finished second in this event and the fourth in all. Mats Lanner (69), Olazábal (68) and Woosnam (69) finished on ten under.

The Swedes have been a rising force in European professional golf for years. Haeggmann is the fifth from that country to win on the European Tour following Mats Lanner, Ove Sellberg, Per-Ulrik Johansson and Forsbrand. None of his four predecessors has achieved a place in Europe's Ryder Cup team. "It's about time one did," Haeggman said. "I don't see why it can't be me."

Haeggman is not only self-assured; he is also a good player, a man for the present and the future. Last year he missed only four cuts and he has not been over par in his past 12 rounds.

Still, it is one thing to be near the front of a tournament, quite another to be leading it with three of the world's top seven players chasing right behind. The pressure could have got to Haeggman, who turned pro only four years ago. He did not let it. He has a temper, talks to himself and swears but managed to keep his head when he needed to most.

He made a wonderful start by hitting a 40-yard bunker shot to ten feet and holing the putt for a birdie. Then he holed a five-foot putt for a par on the 2nd. On the 9th he holed a 30-foot putt and the significance of this was two-fold. It gave him a birdie and it gave him a cushion over Faldo, who had missed from five feet on the same green for a two.

Faldo cooked his goose on the 10th, where he dropped a shot at a time when he needed to start applying pressure on Haeggman, who was two matches behind. He took an iron from the tee for accuracy, only to hit into the rough. Then he hit his second shot over the green and took three more to get down.

Any realistic chance he had of setting a stern target for Haeggman decreased when he missed from four feet on the 14th, though he did birdie two of the remaining four holes. "It was a good week for me," Faldo said. He reiterated what he had said after the third round — that he wished he was a few inches shorter. "Height is an inbuilt disadvantage for a golfer," the Open champion said.

Haeggman played a stroke of a champion on the 14th, a long uphill par five that is just about within reach of players such as he. Having pushed his second shot to the right of the green, he found a tree stood between him and the putting surface. He chose a six-iron to keep the ball low, pitched to within inches of where he had aimed and watched with satisfaction as the ball rolled to six feet from the flag. When he holed that putt for his fourth birdie of the day the impression was that he was going to win. And so it proved. He had taken a two-stroke lead over Els, his nearest challenger, and he was never to lose it.



Haeggman: self-assured

RESULTS SCOREBOARD

FINAL SCORES (GB and Ire unless stated): 275: J Haeggman (Swe), 69, 69, 69, 68. 277: N Faldo, 68, 69, 72, 68; E Els (SA), 70, 68, 69, 70. 278: I Woosnam, 67, 70, 72, 69; J M Olazábal (Sp), 74, 68, 67, 68; M Lanner (Swe), 72, 64, 73, 69. 279: J Hobday (SA), 70, 70, 70, 69. 280: R Chapman, 70, 72, 71, 67; H-P Thiel (Ger), 72, 72, 65, 70; P Baker, 70, 69, 70, 71. 281: C Hisson, 70, 70, 74, 67. 282: G Brand Jnr, 69, 73, 74, 67; C Rocca (It), 76, 68, 69, 69; M James, 69, 71, 70, 72; M Kraatz (Swe), 70, 71, 69, 72. 283: G Day (US), 69, 71, 75, 68; M Farry (Fr), 72, 68, 74, 69. 284: R Rafferty, 68, 74, 70, 72. 285: P McGinley, 74, 70, 72, 69; J Rivero (Sp), 71, 71, 74, 69; P-U Johansson (Swe), 74, 69, 72, 70; S Luna (Sp), 71, 67, 75, 72; P Broadhurst, 69, 75, 70, 71; M Piñero (Sp), 72, 68, 73, 72; M-A Jiménez (Sp), 71, 72, 65, 77. 286: J Cocerés (Arg), 71, 74, 72, 69; A Forsbrand (Swe), 70, 73, 72, 71; V Singh (Fij), 72, 70, 73, 71; R Claydon, 72, 71, 72, 71; I Garbutt, 70, 73, 71, 72; D Gilford, 73, 70, 68, 75; D Clarke, 69, 71, 70, 76.

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Tranmere might yet overcome the efforts of Hoddle

Swindon Town 3
Tranmere Rovers 1

BY ROB HUGHES
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

SWINDON Town are becoming masters of the dramatic art of promotion play-offs. This is their fourth attempt under three managers in seven years to win through this route a place in the highest division; three years ago they won the right on the field but were demoted because of financial misdeeds.

Yesterday, they simply galloped into a three-goal lead that looked like putting an end to the faint hope that at least one Merseyside club would have some success this season.

But then, missing further chances and taking their foot off the pedal, Swindon allowed Tranmere one consolation goal, came precious close to conceding more, and can no longer be nonchalant about their chances in the second leg at Prenton Park on Wednesday, where they lost 3-1 five weeks ago.

But what a start Swindon made, or rather Tranmere conceded. After one minute and 43 seconds, a cross from Summerbee was met at the near post by Vickers. He had been Tranmere's most solid defender this season, yet in panic with Mitchell threatening, he headed an own goal.

Less than a minute later the same player stretched and lost in a chase for the loose ball when the goalkeeper, Nixon, had failed to hold it, and Mitchell, the bearded Australian, gleefully stroked goal No 2.

In the 27th minute, Mitchell once again was allowed to run through a defence which was vainly pleading for offside, and selflessly presented the ball to his partner, Maskell, to score his twentieth goal in 37 league appearances for Swindon.

How commanding Swindon appeared. Hoddle, refusing to be drawn on speculation that he is already bound for Chelsea next season (and if not them, then Tottenham) was playing what may well be his final game as a libero in the West Country. He still possesses a mind quicker than all the rest; several times he brought the ball down on his chest, swept it with an artist's brush-stroke with either foot and created chances for his colleagues to stimulate attacks.

And the 47th minute became vintage Hoddle when he floated a free kick from the right, and Mitchell rose high above the defence, alas only to head the ball against the crossbar. Mitchell may actually be the man to get Swindon to Wembley again, and then be denied an appearance because he is wanted by Australia for World Cup action that weekend.

But the moods of one Tranmere player began to reshape yesterday's match. At half-time, John King, the Tranmere manager, had implored his players: "This is a whole season's work, you can't pack in now, get after them." In the 57th minute, Morrissey did with a spectacular goal from 20 yards, a reminder of the class that once suggested a future for him with Everton.

He then squandered an easier opportunity, and ended his personal wayward match with a grotesque hack at Ling that deserved more than a yellow card.

But whether Hoddle takes his team to Wembley, or whether Tranmere overcome them on Wednesday, the feeling in Swindon is that their success is about to lose them another manager. If so, then a prime candidate as player-manager could be David O'Leary, who tonight ends his 20 years with Arsenal.

SWINDON TOWN: F Digby; N Summerbee, C Calderwood, G Hoddle, S Taylor, P Bodin; J Moncur (sub: M Hazard), R MacLaren, M Ling; D Mitchell, C Maskell (sub: S White).
TRANMERE ROVERS: E Nixon; I Nolan, D Higgins, S Vickers, G Brannan; J Morrissey, M Proctor, K Irons, P Nevin (sub: T Coyne); J Aldridge, C Malkin.
Referee: A Gunn.

LEICESTER CITY: K Poole; G Mills, M Whitlow, R Smith, S Walsh, C Hill, D Oldfield, S Thompson, P Gee, C Gibson (sub: S Grayson), L Philpott (sub: J Joachim).
PORTSMOUTH: A Knight; A Awford, C Price, A McLoughlin, K Symons, R Daniel, W Neal, M Chamberlain (sub: C Burns), D Powell (sub: G Lawrence), G Whitingham, B Knetensen.
Referee: K Hackett.

Joachim's winner jolts Portsmouth

Leicester City 1
Portsmouth 0

BY KEITH PIKE

PORTSMOUTH continue to stumble within sight of a place in the Premier League. Cruelly edged out of automatic promotion on the last day of the first division season, they tripped up again in the first leg of the play-off semi-finals yesterday.

Leicester, forced to concede home advantage because of rebuilding work at Filbert Street, will go into Wednesday's second leg at Fratton Park with their hopes of reaching Wembley for the second successive season intact.

Having borrowed the City Ground in Nottingham for the day, they did what Forest found too difficult, thanks to a memorable goal from their outstanding young striker, Julian Joachim.

Until Joachim's intervention, four minutes from time, Portsmouth seemed to have things well under control. The more fluent, more composed side throughout, they appeared to have shrugged off the disappointment of being pipped by West Ham United in the race for the runners-up position on a marginally inferior goal tally.

Joachim, an 18-year-old YTS recruit, has been used sparingly by Brian Little all season, and was given only half an hour to make his mark yesterday. It was all the time he needed. Joachim's speed and directness immediately caused Portsmouth problems they had not previously encountered. He should have scored eight minutes from time, blazing wildly over from close range when Walsh headed into his path, but did not let it upset him.

Four minutes later, he turned Symons on the halfway line and set off at pace towards Knight's goal. Awford and Kristensen barred his path but Joachim pushed the ball between them and burst through before shooting low into the corner. It was finishing of the highest order.

Even then, Portsmouth might have saved it. Daniel's header was expertly tipped over by Poole and then Whittingham, who had three times stretched the Leicester goalkeeper to his limits, broke clear. His 48th goal of the season looked certain until Whitlow brought him down on the edge of the area without earning so much as a rebuke.

Leicester will be lucky to escape as lightly on Wednesday when Whittingham's eye for goal and Portsmouth's home record may still be enough to see them through.

Vale show superior style

Stockport County 1
Port Vale 1

BY DAVID POWELL

STOCKPORT are growing as accustomed to Wembley as Arsenal and Sheffield Wednesday but a fourth appearance there in two seasons may now be beyond them. Port Vale will have home advantage in the second leg of their second division promotion play-off semi-final on Wednesday: more than that, they know they are the infinitely superior team.

The final league table told the story — Vale finishing 17 points ahead of Stockport. Their 89 points was a record for a club failing to gain automatic promotion and the match yesterday confirmed their edge. Stockport clung to a draw against a Vale team that heavily outscored them on style.

Vale, 117 years old, have never played at Wembley but, if they can finish this job, they will go twice in a season. They are Stockport's opponents in the Autoglass Trophy final on Saturday and are hoping to be back there for the play-off final eight days later.

Stockport's fifth-minute goal might have been the knockout punch for Vale after they were winded by the strong finish of Bolton Wanderers, who pipped them for promotion. Aspin leaned on Finley when a long throw from Flynn dropped into the area and Gannon scored from the penalty.

John Rudge, the Vale manager, reckoned his side was missing seven players who would have been in contention for places but Vale fought back and, after 25 minutes, the equaliser came.

Kerr's corner was met with a strong goalbound header from Taylor; Glover, standing almost on the goalline, changed its course with a header of his own.

Edwards needed spring heels to hold a shot from Slaven and another chance to Slaven before half-time went spinning across Stockport's goal.

Stockport, in a more even 45 minutes than the second half would prove to be, brought an acrobatic save from Musselwhite, a header from Finley bending him into a high jumper's arch to push the ball on to the bar.

While Vale pleased the eye, it was Stockport who drew more gasps. In the second half, another Finley header was tipped off course by Musselwhite, underlining the extent of Stockport's loss in the suspension of Francis — 38 goals this season — for both legs. A late goalline clearance from Taylor frustrated Stockport further.

STOCKPORT COUNTY: N Edwards, L Todd, M Wallace, M Flynn, W Williams, A Finley, J Gannon (sub: D Millen), P Ward, P A Williams, C Beaumont, D Ryan (sub: P Duffield)
PORT VALE: P Musselwhite; N Aspin, C Sulley (sub: K Kerr), A Porter, P Billing, D Glover, B Slaven, R van der Laan, M Foyle, P Kerr, I Taylor
Referee: A Wilkie



Victor and vanquished: Zico commiserates with Lineker after the Brazilian's side had completed a 5-0 win

Lineker and his team find boys from Brazil hard nuts to crack



David Miller on a day when Japanese flair provided no competition for Latin genius

We came to Kashima, in Japan, to watch the 32-year-old Lineker, and departed marvelling at the 40-year-old Zico. With a flourish of the amazing grace that distinguished World Cup final competitions, and denying the years the way Matthews once did, Zico demolished Lineker's team, Grampus of Nagano.

Grampus capitulated, losing 5-0, and on this evidence have not the remotest chance of being contenders for the title in the new professional J League, part of Japan's £20 billion development programme over seven years.

On the other hand, the opening match the previous day at the Tokyo Olympic stadium, played in cup-tie atmosphere from first minute to last, had spectacularly demonstrated the potential of the best of Japanese football. Strange to say, the Japanese, so programmed in business, on the football field have the fluidity of Brazil, where tens of thousands of them have migrated.

Antlers of Kashima, Zico's club 60 miles or so northeast of Tokyo, were not, in my opinion, in the same class as Verdy of Kawasaki, last year's champions of the pre-professional league, who lost 2-1 to Marinos of Yokohama, the Asian Cup holders. The frailty of the Grampus midfield and defence proved an invitation to the telepathic combination of Zico and his Brazilian colleague, Alcindo, and the dismay of Lineker.

The former England captain was almost as much a spectator of Zico's display as the rest of us. For 90 minutes he received hardly a pass to his feet worth the name. His only moment worth recalling was when he scored crisply, a stride or two inside the penalty area, from a flick by his fellow striker Sawairi, only to be given offside by a boot-length.

At this stage, Grampus were still level, though looking alarmingly vulnerable. Fifteen minutes later they were two down, Zico having first punished a woeful error by Asano, a defensive-midfield player, and then sent Itoh, the goalkeeper, in two different directions, both wrong, in search of his 19-yard free kick that swirled like a snowstorm.

In the second half, Alcindo, formerly with Zico at Flamengo of Rio, scored an open goal set up by the master, then returned the compliment for Zico to score with a sensational near-post volley from a low cross; and two minutes later, Alcindo chipped over a stranded Itoh.

"We were all over the place." Lineker admitted with evident resignation. It had been anything but an encouraging start. "We have had defensive problems, but previously have been OK going forward," he admitted. "When we went behind today, you could see some of the heads go down."

Ruzo Hiraki, team manager of the Olympic side that won the bronze medal in 1968 in Mexico, conceded: "We [Grampus] broke down badly." It is difficult to know what immediately he can do: his Japanese central defenders, marking zonally, could neither cover nor tackle adequately, the two defensive Japanese midfield players were energetic but erratic, and the two Brazilians creating behind Lineker, Pita and the experienced Jorginho, were merely idle.

Over two days, the combination of Brazilian and Japanese has been fascinating. The grandstands have vibrated to the same impromptu percussion bands that characterise Brazilian crowds wherever the World Cup is played, while on the field, the Japanese have shown a natural instinct for improvisation that seems a contradiction to their precise industrial technology.

"The Japanese are close to the South American style," Lineker reflected. "They play more short-passing than we do [in England], and I've enjoyed it — an interesting experience. Once you get inside the penalty area, of course, the game's the same anywhere." Not quite. Zico might have said.

There were moments yesterday when Hasegawa, the Antlers' third striker, was almost as erudite as his Brazilian partners. The appropriately named Ohno was the best of the central defenders I saw over two days, tightly policing Lineker, while Mizumuma, Marinos' former international midfield player who is now 32, a veritable Brooking in touch, was a better crosser than you will see nowadays in Britain.

Verdy, with almost a full team of internationals, have three Japanese who could become well-known figures abroad: their two attacking full backs, Tsunami and, in particular, Nakamura at right back, while Hashiratani in midfield did not deserve to be on the losing side.

Meijer, the Dutch East Indian from Groningen FC, put Verdy in front with a blistering cross-shot. Marinos, gaining control with their Western-style 4-5-1 formation, drew level with a teasing, floated shot by Everton, the Brazilian midfield player, and Diaz, one of Argentina's World Cup winners of 1978, scored the winning goal in the stadium where he appeared with Maradona long ago in the World Youth Cup.

The crowds on both days were a revelation: half of them under 25, and half of those female. If the J League can sustain this level of interest, the professional establishment of the game cannot fail to be achieved. What was so endearing was the good nature of the people. Missed shots were cheered by the opposing spectators, not with the derision or bitterness you hear in Europe or South America, but in celebration of their own team's fortune.

Scotland draft Dailly in for Estonia

CHRISTIAN Dailly, at 19 years seven months, yesterday become the youngest player selected by Andy Roxburgh, the Scotland coach, during his seven-year spell in charge. The Dundee United striker has been drafted into the Scotland squad for the start of Roxburgh's rebuilding phase against Estonia on Wednesday.

Dailly travels to the Baltic state for a World Cup qualifier following the loss of four players from Roxburgh's original squad. Duncan Ferguson and Jim McInally, the Dundee United pair, withdrew yesterday along with Ian Ferguson, of Rangers, and Phil O'Donnell, the uncapped Motherwell midfield player.

Both Fergusons are ill while McInally has a groin injury and O'Donnell pulled a hamstring on Saturday. It has opened the door for Dailly to step into the senior squad just three years after he became the youngest Scotland Under-21 cap at 16.

"His selection underlines our youth policy from now on," Roxburgh said. "If Eoin Jess or Duncan Ferguson had been available, he might not have got this opportunity. But he is someone we have great hopes for. Jim McLean, his club manager, thinks he is in as good form as any striker in Scotland at the moment. We are short in that department and he is certainly playing well."

Jess, who broke an ankle in March, appeared briefly as a substitute for Aberdeen against Dundee United and Roxburgh said ruefully: "It's just too early for him. He is just feeling his way back."

The loss of O'Donnell was a disappointment for Roxburgh, who is hoping to assess the potential of his crop of youngsters now that Scotland's chances of reaching the World Cup finals have all but disappeared.

He said: "It's a pity to lose another of the young ones but our whole operation now is about looking ahead." Michael Watt, the Aberdeen reserve goalkeeper, will also travel to Estonia for the experience.

McFarlane scores for both sides

ANDY McFarlane, the Swansea forward, scored for both sides as Swansea beat West Bromwich Albion 2-1 in the first leg of their second division play-off semi-final at the Vetch Field yesterday.

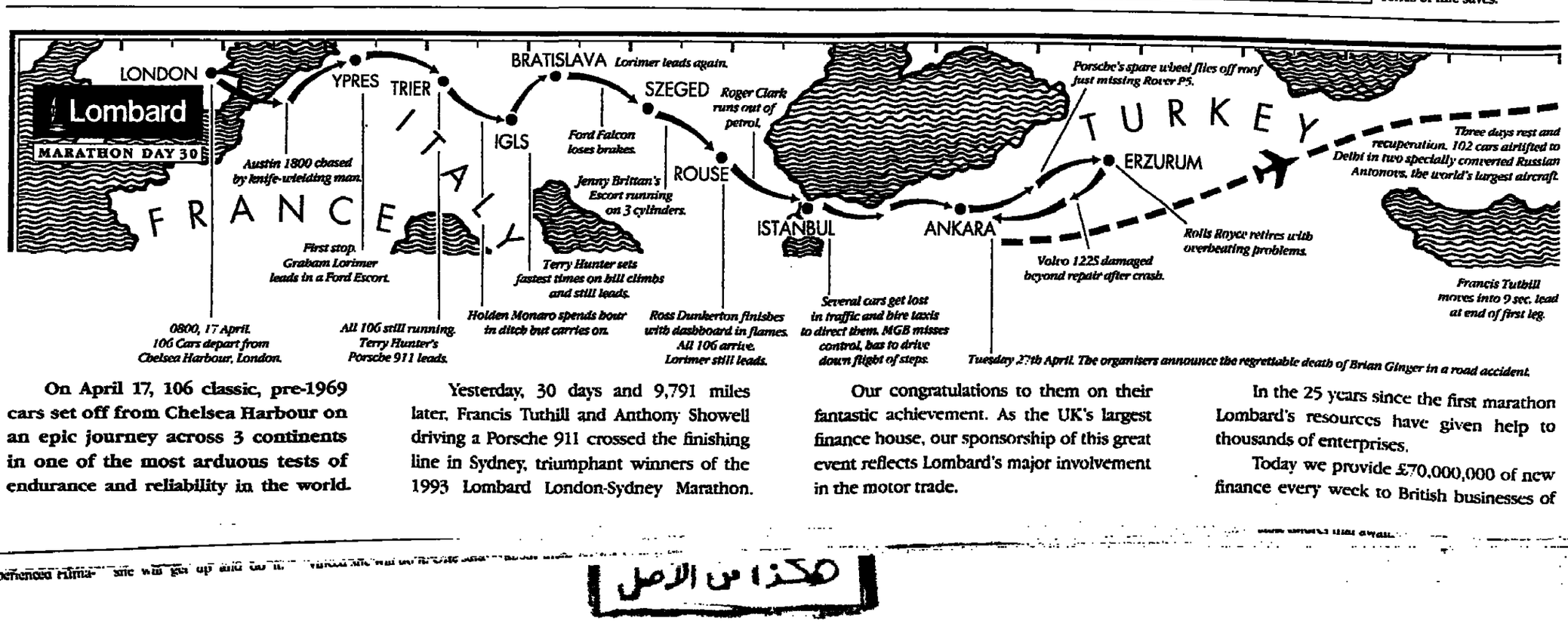
McFarlane, with his seventh goal of the season, put Swansea ahead after 50 minutes. Fifteen minutes later, Martin Hayes made it 2-0.

But West Bromwich reduced the gap in bizarre fashion in the 72nd minute. Darryl Burgess lobbed the ball over Roger Freestone, the goalkeeper, and it rebounded off the crossbar, against the unsuspecting McFarlane and into the net.

In the first legs of the third division semi-finals, Crewe Alexandra powered past Walsall 5-1 while Bury and York City shared a goalless draw.

Crewe seem destined to play at Wembley for the first time, in the play-off final, after demolishing Walsall. Tony Naylor, their leading marksman, scored twice, with Phil Clarkson, Rob Edwards and Ashley Ward completing the rout. Mike Cecere replied for Walsall.

Dean Kiely, the York goalkeeper, saved his side from defeat against Bury with a series of fine saves.



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Hirst seizes second chance for Wednesday



Grounded: Seaman, the Arsenal goalkeeper, claims the ball as Bright, of Sheffield Wednesday, comes acrobatically down to earth in the FA Cup final at Wembley. Photograph: Ian Stewart



Rob Hughes watches Arsenal and Sheffield Wednesday draw 1-1 in the FA Cup final

WHY did it have to be so dire? Why did the Wembley showpiece that the country exports to the rest of the world have to be dulled into something approaching chloroform football?

It was not that the 113th FA Cup final proved inconclusive: we have had that often in recent years, and have enjoyed such marvellous replayed finals as Manchester City versus Spurs, the Ricky Villa spectacular.

Neither should the excuse of fatigue be wholly accepted. It played its part, this hollow legacy of the inability of clubs and officialdom to cut the Premier League down from its 22 clubs. The fear and the greed of the club chairmen produced a situation where the two finalists, because of their success in this and the Coca-Cola Cup, had to play five games in 11 days before the showpiece. That induces a negative outlook, a tiredness of limbs and minds. And even though both teams toyed with their sides by littering them with reserves, this, too, has a detrimental effect, disrupting teamwork and continuity.

But these are indeed excuses. The truth of Saturday echoed in the cruel jibe in South Yorkshire, where Wednesdayites had dubbed Arsenal: "Wimbledon with O-levels."

Cruel, but with a ring of truth. It acknowledges the organisation, the aerial power at set pieces, the grim, intimidatory resolve that makes Arsenal so hard to beat.

In essence, though there is no likelihood that Trevor Francis would admit it in public, Wednesday decided that they dared not play to their own passing strengths, that they had to match Arsenal in the grinding, boring, winner takes all philosophy. Perhaps one might put it another way: that it is futile trying to perform ballet while demolition experts share the stage.

If that sounds like a withering condemnation, then surely such opinions are the entitlement of people who move heaven and earth to get Cup Final tickets, who paid close to £3 million to get there on the day, and who, coming down from Sheffield particularly, will now demonstrate their fierce commitment by repeating the whole exercise. Many will see it as their duty to be back at Wembley to support their team's attempt to win the FA Cup for the first time since 1935.

From Arsenal, we expected what we got. George Graham, the stroller and a svelt player, has turned into the sternest manager of our times. He has said that he does not care how it looks as long as trophies accumulate at Highbury.

For Sheffield Wednesday to decide on the day to try to match this aggression, this oppressive and pragmatic way of playing, is an acceptance of Arsenal's intimidating power. It is also, according to one bystander, more than understandable.

David Burnside is, like Trevor Francis, regarded as a mild West Countryman, one who, in his playing prime, preferred to beat opponents with the ball and never with force. But Burnside, who managed the recent England Under-19 team which finished third in the world championships in Australia, said: "Trevor compromised his principles to get a result, the same as I did with the lads in Melbourne. He knew, and I knew, that as much as you may be a romantic at heart, if you lose it is the very nature of the English game that you are castigated. Like Trevor, I could never be any part of unfair play, but losing is out, the manager who fails is fired, full stop. It is called realism."

Yet, having rearranged their formation so that the greatest fighter in their team, Carlton Palmer, was restored to midfield, Sheffield overcomplicated their attempt to battle for the midfield. How strange that Chris Waddle should spend the first half permanently in the centre, virtually duplicating the role of the playmaker, John Sheridan, and in a sense blocking the space for Sheridan's vision. No wonder Arsenal, once Ian Wright had poached his 55th goal in 78 games for them, opted to sit back on that lead in the belief that another dead-ball situation, another opportunity to exploit Wednesday's failings in the air, might eventually secure their victory.

It was strange that Waddle, with all the experience of 62 England caps, was unable to realise that his presence cluttered the midfield and his skills on the wing might resurrect the game. He had to be visibly urged to come out and play on the right flank by Francis shortly after half-time.

Thankfully, in that spell, Wednesday did save the game, and did so with a goal borne out of movement and intricate passing. It began deep in the Wednesday half with Paul Warhurst, it involved five, maybe six, more passes before Sheridan, lurking on the right, produced a perceptive cross.

Bright emerged to flick the ball on, John Harkes, the American, showed his own quick eye and awareness to head the ball down from an acute angle, and David Hirst stole the equaliser.

We now have four days before the replay. Much of the world-wide audience will, on Thursday, be about their normal business, but for our own pride, we can only pray that both teams give us football that is positive and not full of self-denial.

ARSENAL: D Seaman; L Dixon, N Winterburn, A Linighan, A Adams; P Davis, R Parlour (sub: A Smith), P Merson, J Jensen; I Wright (sub: D O'Leary), K Campbell.
SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY: C Woods; R Nilsson, V Anderson (sub: G Hyde), P Warhurst, N Worthington; C Palmer, C Waddle (sub: C Bart-Williams), J Sheridan, J Harkes; M Bright, D Hirst.
Referee: K Barratt.

Wright policy leads to healthy payout

Adrian Holloway sees Cardiff beat Rhyl 5-0 to secure a lucrative double

CARDIFF City players will collect bonuses of up to £50,000 each after completing a league and Welsh Cup double at the National Stadium yesterday. Seldom can such an easy win over such inferior opposition have been so rewarding.

Rick Wright, the Cardiff chairman, is the man they have to thank. He took out a £165,000 insurance policy at the start of the season against his team gaining promotion from the third division so that he could afford to give it some added incentives, and when a place in the second division was secured last month, Wright sat back to await a £1,425,000 cheque from Lloyds.

The players, however, were sufficiently motivated to go on and take the championship.

Wright, 60, a local holiday camp owner, promised his first team squad £20,000-a-man for promotion, another £20,000 for the title and a further £10,000 for the cup, with the total being linked to the number of appearances each player made.

The final instalment was secured when two goals from Griffith and a hat-trick from Stant swept Rhyl aside in front of a crowd of 16,443.

The Welsh capital can now boast two representatives in European competition next season. By retaining the Welsh Cup, City earned a place in the Cup Winners' Cup, while their close neighbours, Inter Cardiff, will compete in the Uefa Cup, having finished second in the Konica League of Wales in its inaugural season.

Inter play across a car park from City, while Rhyl play in the league beneath Inter, the Manweb Cymru Alliance. No matter, the North Walians enjoyed their day out.

Yet it is City's future which is in doubt. When Wright became chairman he said he would transform the club in two years and then leave. He has delivered the first part of the bargain and is still threatening to fulfil the second.

CARDIFF CITY: G Ward; R James, D Searle, D Brazil (sub: C Pike), J Perry, P Millar (sub: C Dale), P Ramsey, N Richardson, P Stant, N Blake, C Griffith.
RHYL: G Lichfield; A Lee, R Jones, S Espley, P Lacey, S Jones, S Cross (sub: D Norman), L Conganton, I McMullen, S Taylor (sub: P Mamott), A Jones.
Referee: W Burge (Tonypandy).



Stant: hat-trick

Lack of moons and parrots leaves Wembley ill at ease



Ball watching: Warhurst, left, and Campbell contest possession on Saturday. Photograph: Marc Aspland



Andrew Longmore on an FA Cup final that needed to be put out of its misery rather than replayed

The FA Cup final should never have to end in the shuffling embarrassment of anti-climax. However hard the Football Association tries to make it otherwise, it is a one-off occasion and needs a one-off result, be it artificially engineered by sudden death, like ice hockey in North America, or by penalties.

As it is, on Thursday, the good people of Sheffield and North London will dig deep into their pockets for the fourth time this season and head for Wembley once more. And for what? Most probably, another two hours of the footballing equivalent of arm wrestling between two teams, for different reasons, intent on elevating the sweet sound of stud on limb above the sweet science of football.

If ever 24 players, not to mention 80,000 spectators and millions of armchair viewers round the world, deserved to be put out of their misery it was in the chaotic aftermath of one of the scrappiest Cup Finals on record.

The players and their supporters wallowed in an emotional vacuum. No victory to celebrate, no loss to bemoan, no moons and no parrots. By the time the teams had exchanged shirts and pleasantries and the cup had been put back in storage for another five days, the terraces were half-empty and a desolate lap of honour was greeted with all the enthusiasm of a British Rail apology.

Though neither team would care to admit it, for fear of losing the psychological high ground, both would surely have been happier to get it over and done with there and then, if only to invest their post-match gatherings with some sense of purpose. The drowning of sorrows or the celebration of triumph. Either would have been better than the blanket of emptiness which settled over the Sheffield Wednesday team — wives, families and supporters — in the Wembley Conference Centre afterwards. A wedding party without bride or groom.

Penalties are much loathed and particularly in the FA Cup, which has always been a fight to the finish. But the principle has already been established in the earlier rounds, while the sequence of replay, extra time, penalties at least rewards a side for initially gaining a draw away from home. In the final, there is no need for such logic and so no need to prolong the agony — and it was pure agony — unless, of course, the FA wants to eke one last farthing out of a lucrative season. If penalties are there to be used, why not use them?

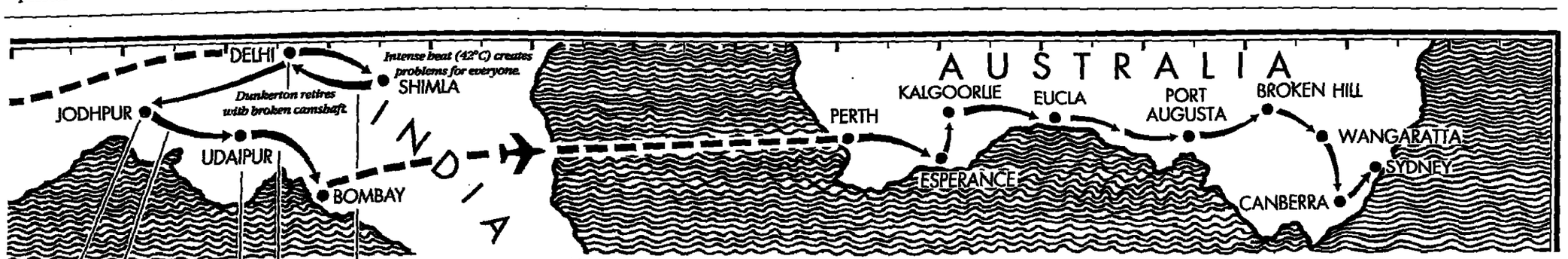
From the moment Carlton Palmer scythed down his England colleague, Ian Wright, in the first minute and received not so much as a finger-wagging from the benevolent referee, the pattern of the afternoon was set. Wednesday had clearly taken to heart the criticism that, surprisingly for a city whose past is built on the stuff, they had lacked steel in their Coca-Cola Cup final defeat and came out with sleeves rolled up and teeth bared, a spirit confirmed later by their captain, Viv Anderson, a former Arsenal man himself.

"Because we are a passing team, everyone thinks we are a soft touch when it comes to the physical side. In some senses, they're right, so we had to impose ourselves physically on the game just as they do. Today, we gave as good as we got," he said. In other words, they were dragged into playing Arsenal's game, moving the ball on quickly and snapping into tackles.

Except for brief periods, usually when Waddle managed to escape the stifling attentions of Jensen, Wednesday spent the afternoon fighting for the right to play without ever quite winning the battle. The first ten minutes, always nervy and untidy at a Cup Final, lasted 120 and even the goals, well worked but unspectacular, were scored by Wright and Hirst, the men who should have scored them, rather than by the traditional unsung hero.

Wednesday did gain quiet satisfaction from matching Arsenal for sweat, emerging marginally the stronger of two tired teams by the end, and they will be stronger for the experience on Thursday. The claim of George Graham, the Arsenal manager, that his team "could go up a gear or two" had a hollow ring to it, though Merson seemed to be stuck in reverse for much of the afternoon.

Like two chess grandmasters, the managers, Graham and Francis, will now marshal their pieces for the end-game on Thursday night. On Saturday, the pawns won the day. Maybe the kings will rule the board this time.





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Rain dims outlook for Sunday viewing

By Ivo Tennant

IF NOTHING else, Axa Equity & Law is gaining no end of publicity for its bravery in sponsoring a competition which players do not like and supporters are boycotting. No matter if county grounds up and down the country are empty. It all fuels the great debate on coloured clothing, white balls and black sightscreens that will run beyond the next outrageous marketing ploy.

Further analysis of attendances had to be held over until next week. This had everything to do with a problem that was afflicting the game when such absurd clothing was last seen around England: the elements. It affected attendances and results in equal proportion yesterday, as if to emphasise that, whatever the garish garb, grey will always be the dominant colour.

There were matches that were begun but in which there was scant likelihood of a finish. At Headingley, for example. Yorkshire completed their 50 overs, reaching the kind of total that was more prevalent and acceptable in the days when the competition really was a thrash. Worcestershire were better placed at 55 for one from 17 overs when nothing further was possible. The points for an abandonment, two apiece, remain as last season.

At the other end of the country, there was a score more in keeping with this lengthier mode of the game. Kent's 289 for eight, this off 49 overs, was sufficient to give them their second victory.

Ward, for whom this competition could have been invented, struck 99, his best score, off 114 balls. This off an attack including Donald, who dislocated a finger. There were runs, too, for Taylor, Benson and Hooper.

Warwickshire lost three wickets for 33 and, despite an unbeaten 83 by Penney, were never up with the requirements. It is a weakness of the one-day game that the result can be gleaned with the match still far from completed, but that will be of scant concern to those who watch their cricket at Canterbury. They know precisely how long — 17 years — it is since Kent last won the Sunday League.

As for those who go to Lord's (or, in this instance, do not) there was a rather better performance by the champions, Middlesex, than in their first match. They beat Nottinghamshire by five runs, making a total, 257 for six, that was more becoming of them. Ramprakash, called up by England for the Texaco Trophy matches as a precaution in case Fairbrother is not fit, struck 88. He put on 165 off 29 overs with Carr, who made 92.

That Middlesex were so nearly beaten had much to do with the batting of Mike, whose all-round abilities so nearly enabled his county to defeat Somerset in another, not-to-be-mentioned competition last week.

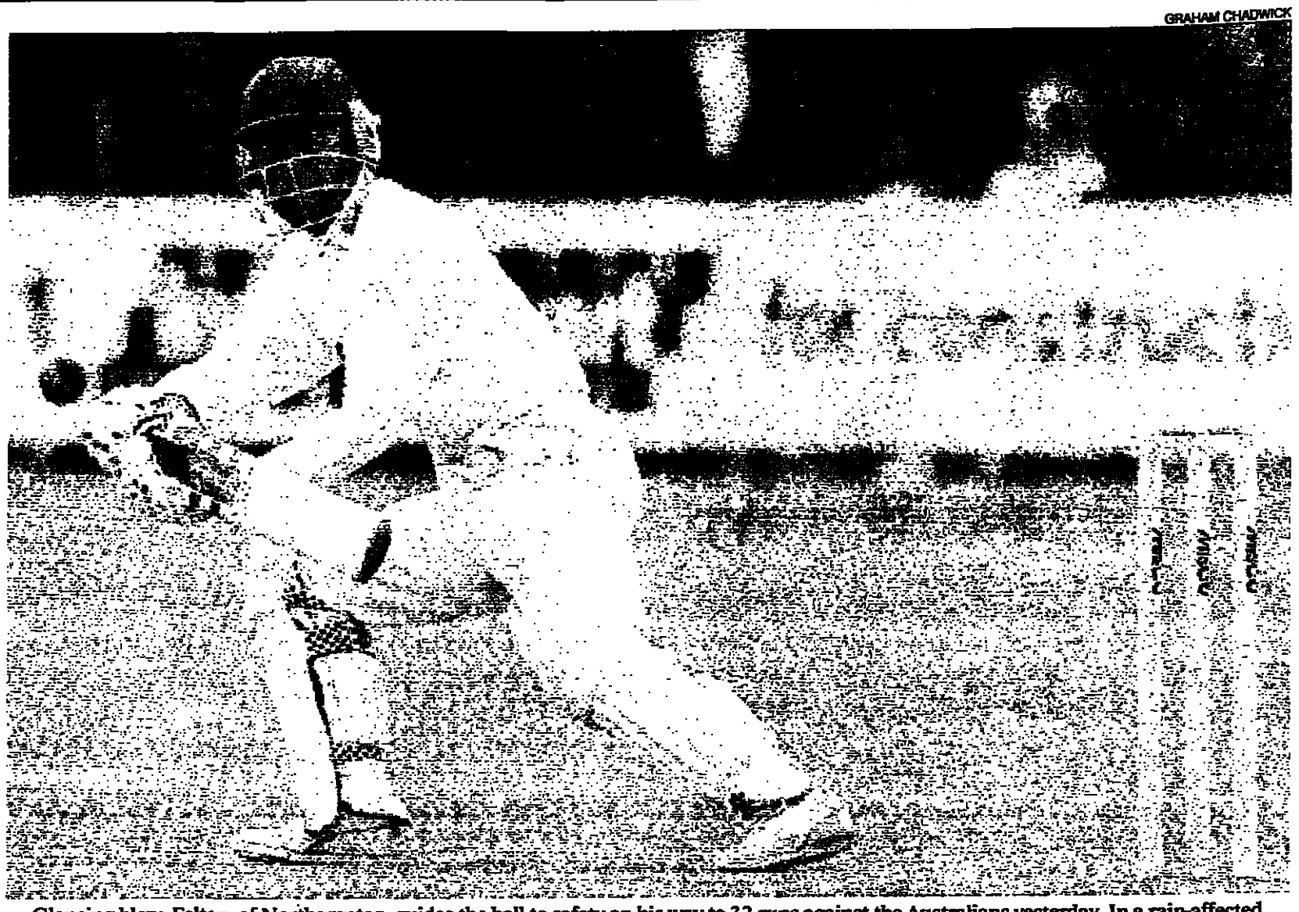
Then, it was with the ball and in the field: now, it was with the bat. He was unbeaten with a half-century. But, needing six off the final ball, he was unable to make so much as a single.

The sheer unpredictability of a 50-over game, to say nothing of the vagaries of the weather playing a part, makes the bookies' task an unenviable one. Essex, always everyone's favourites for just about everything, were beaten by two wickets at the Oval in a relatively low-scoring affair.

Gooch hit a brisk 65 but Stewart, Surrey's captain, made the key half-century. Both, at any rate, are in the right sort of form for the Texaco matches this week.

At Derby, there were runs for Bowler (96) and Adams (52) which was just about sufficient to give Derbyshire victory over Glamorgan. Three runs was the margin. Morris and Maynard, century-makers the previous day, made 70 and 69 respectively this time, but it was not enough.

GRAHAM CHADWICK



Glancing blow: Felton, of Northampton, guides the ball to safety on his way to 32 runs against the Australians yesterday. In a rain-affected match, the touring side lost their unbeaten record in unsatisfactory circumstances — a slower scoring rate. Report, page 23

Cider county's outlook rosy

By Michael Henderson

TAUNTON (Somerset won toss): Match abandoned: Somerset (2pts) Lancashire (2)

THE rain lashing down on the County Ground yesterday, ruining an Axa Equity & Law League match that had already been amended to 46 overs a side, could not spoil Taunton's incredible week. The town is still humming after Somerset's never-to-be-forgotten championship victory against Lancashire, achieved in under two days from a position that bordered on the hopeless.

Not at a stroke, but as the latest of several strokes, that win has got people talking about cricket more excitedly than at any time since Richards, Botham and Garner adorned the ground. The expectancy that attended the start of this season has produced an immediate flowering in the cider county.

First there was the terrific beating they gave Hampshire. Then Andrew Caddick and Mark Lathwell won places in England's one-day side. Now, after that most remarkable of matches, which Caddick effectively won by taking nine for 32, the optimism by the River Tone could almost blow the pavilion roof off.

Membership has risen from the 4,000 mark to 5,600 and evidence of the spirit can be judged from the team that plays at Bristol today in the Bain Clarkson Trophy. Chris Tavaré, the captain, is joined in the second XI by Nick Folland, Richard Harden and Neil Burns.

Somerset's ability to overcome the likely loss to England of Caddick, and the possible absence of Lathwell, will determine how well they do. Andy Hayhurst and Neil Mallender are almost ready to return after injury. The development of younger players, such as Andrew Payne and Jason Kerr, is also important.

Payne and Kerr, 19-year-olds from Lancashire, were among the wickets yesterday when their native county were put in. Kerr had Atherton caught at the wicket, and Payne removed Lloyd and Hegg.

Caddick and Mushtaq Ahmed, who each took two wickets, ensured that Somerset would have chased a respectable rather than forbidding total had the skies remained clear. The leg spinner snared his Pakistan captain when Wasim hit a fierce drive to long-on, where Van Troost held a magnificent catch.

Neil Fairbrother, the Lancashire captain, was again missing, having further treatment of the hamstring injury that may yet keep him out of the one-day matches.

"I'll be going in to Old Trafford tomorrow for more work with Laurie Brown, the physio, and we'll see how far we have got when the team get together on Tuesday," Fairbrother said yesterday. Mark Ramprakash, of Middlesex, has already been placed on stand-by in case Fairbrother fails to recover.

Richards going out swinging

By Ivo Tennant

THERE is scarcely anything so welcome in cricket as Glamorgan making headway in the championship. What better season to do so than the last in which Viv Richards will grace English cricket? His batting in their first innings at Derby, together with centuries by Hugh Morris and Matthew Maynard on Saturday, has given them every chance of beating Derbyshire today.

Derbyshire's target is 406, the conditions bleak, the pitch variegated. There are more appealing tasks. Also of immediate concern is that Bishop, their West Indian fast bowler, may need a lengthy rest or conceivably surgery on his troublesome back. Results of a scan are expected today.

Weather permitting, a decent finish is also in sight at the Oval. Career-best figures of seven for 85 by Ilott, who then said all the right if hackneyed things about putting Essex first, not counting his chickens about being picked by England, etc, enabled Essex to gain a first-innings lead of 88 over Surrey.

Contrast that with the sluggish strips at Lord's and Canterbury. Perhaps there are groundsmen who see their pitches as necessarily reflecting the tempo of the four-day game. Haynes is a good enough batsman to rise above this, but not many others are. He was two runs short of a third century in eight innings.

Middlesex have a rather better chance of beating Nottinghamshire than Kent do of making 342 against Warwickshire. It is a match in which batsmen are having a job forcing the ball off the square. Reeve, having made five in 18 overs, decided the shot to deploy was the sweep — and with considerable success. His unbeaten 72 was a captain's innings.

Durham's hopes of victory ruined by rain

By Jack Bailey

STOCKTON-ON-TEES: No result. Hampshire (2pts), Durham (2pts)

DURHAM'S prospects of winning their first match against another first-class county since they conquered Warwickshire in a 40-over affair last August looked full of promise yesterday. They had the game, reduced to 34 overs a side, by the throat, Fowler and Larkins making 48 off 12 overs in reply to Hampshire's 127 for six and looking better by the moment.

But rain, which has bedevilled the week up here, had the final word. Not even the required minimum of 20 overs, from which Durham would have needed to score 76 to produce a favourable result, could be bowled in the final murky session. This was Durham's fourteenth county game without a victory.

They are getting to know their opponents pretty well, for the fixture list has thrown them together for a one-day match last Tuesday, a county match, still in progress, and yesterday's scurrying in and out. One Durham man Hampshire have not yet sorted out, however, is Anderson Cummins, the newly recruited Barbadian fast bowler, who did as much as anyone to put Durham in a winning position.

Cummins had two wickets for six runs in his first seven overs and finished with four for 24 off ten. Only Robin Smith, who thrives in the limited-overs game, really got to grips with his pace and late movement away from the right-hander. Smith's undefeated 53 from 76 balls augured well for the Texaco Trophy, but was hardly enough to give Hampshire high hopes as they took the field needing to restrict Durham to fewer than four runs an over.

Malcolm Marshall was inspired by the performance of his countryman to bowl fast and well, but Larkins and Fowler are old hands at this game. They milked what was on offer at the other end and were above the asking rate when the final downpour put paid to Durham's chances.

SATURDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Yorkshire v Worcestershire

BRADFORD *(third day of four): Yorkshire, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 78 runs behind Worcestershire*

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

*T S Curtis c Blakey b Robinson	25
W P C Weston b Robinson	4
G A Hick lbw b Robinson	3
D B D'Oliveira lbw b Jarvis	10
A C H Seymour c Richardson b Robinson	13
S R Lampitt b Stemp	37
†S J Rhodes c Batty b Robinson	49
R K Illingworth lbw b Robinson	4
P J Newport not out	19
C M Tolley b Robinson	0
K C G Benjamin lbw b Jarvis	1
Extras (b 3, lb 16, nb 8)	27
Total (84.2 overs)	192

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-10, 3-25, 4-48, 5-83, 6-141, 7-160, 8-187, 9-191

BOWLING: Jarvis 21.2-3-56-2, Robinson 26-7-47-7, Gough 21-5-45-0, White 10-3-13-0, Stemp 6-3-12-1

YORKSHIRE: First Innings

*M D Moxon not out	41
A A Metcalfe not out	67
Extras (lb 3, w 1, nb 2)	6
Total (no wkt, 40 overs)	114

R B Richardson, D Byas, †R J Blakey, C White, P W Jarvis, D Gough, R D Stemp, J D Batty and M A Robinson to bat

Bonus points: Yorkshire 4, Worcestershire 0

Umpires: D R Shepherd and G A Stickley

Durham v Hampshire

STOCKTON-ON-TEES *(third day of four): Hampshire have scored 289 for three wickets against Durham*

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings

V P Terry c Botham b Berry	111
T C Middleton c Parker b Bainbridge	65
D I Gower c Fowler b Graveney	64
*M C J Nicholas not out	31
R A Smith not out	4
Extras (b 2, lb 6, w 2, nb 4)	14
Total (3 wkts, 110 overs)	289

J R Ayling, M D Marshall, †A N Aymes, S D Udal, M Jean-Jacques and C A Connor to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-134, 2-230, 3-273.

DURHAM: G Fowler, W Larkins, P W G Parker, P Bainbridge, J A Daley, I T Botham, P J Berry, A C Cummins, †A R Fothergill, *D A Graveney and S P Hughes

Bonus points: Durham 1, Hampshire 2.

Umpires: V A Holder and B J Meyer.

Kent v Warwickshire

CANTERBURY *(third day of four): Kent, with all second-innings wickets in hand, need 342 runs to beat Warwickshire*

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings 305 (A J Moles 65, T L Penney 57)

Second Innings

A J Moles run out	50
R G Twose c Marsh b Headley	2
J D Ratcliffe lbw b Fleming	13
D P Ostler lbw b Fleming	24
T L Penney c Marsh b Headley	6
*D A Reeve not out	72
†M Burns b Davis	4
N M K Smith lbw b Igglesden	7
G C Small b Igglesden	0
A F Giles lbw b Hooper	17
T A Munton b Fleming	14
Extras (lb 2, nb 2)	4
Total	213

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-67, 3-68, 4-82, 5-103, 6-106, 7-125, 8-127, 9-184

BOWLING: Igglesden 20-8-35-2, Headley 25-4-59-2, Fleming 20.2-5-44-3, Davis 32-11-54-1, Hooper 9-2-19-1

KENT: First Innings 177 (C L Hooper 75, T A Munton 7-41)

Bonus points: Kent 3, Warwickshire 6

Umpires: B Dudleston and G Sharp

Middlesex v Nottinghamshire

LORD'S *(third day of four): Middlesex, with two second-innings wickets in hand, are 234 runs ahead of Nottinghamshire*

MIDDLESEX: First Innings 281 (M A Roseberry 79 not out, M A Feltham 73, C L Cairns 5-66)

Second Innings

D L Haynes lbw b Cairns	98
M Keech lbw b Pick	32
M R Ramprakash c Robinson b Afford	3
*J D Carr lbw b Pick	3
†K R Brown c Lewis b Afford	11
J E Emburey not out	33
M A Roseberry b Afford	0
N F Williams lbw b Cairns	6
A R C Fraser lbw b Afford	16
P C R Tufnell not out	2
Extras (b 4, lb 9, nb 2)	15
Total (8 wkts)	219

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-78, 2-81, 3-92, 4-131, 5-163, 6-184, 7-171, 8-204.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings

P R Pollard c Carr b Emburey	70
D W Randall lbw b Fraser	1
*†R T Robinson c Tufnell b Emburey	112
P Johnson c Brown b Fraser	11
M A Crawley c Emburey b Tufnell	14
C L Cairns b Emburey	8
G C Lewis c Carr b Tufnell	28
G W Mike lbw b Tufnell	2
†B N French b Tufnell	2
R A Pick not out	6
J A Afford lbw b Tufnell	0
Extras (b 1, lb 9, nb 2)	12
Total	266

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-184, 3-187, 4-206, 5-220, 6-238, 7-247, 8-251, 9-266

BOWLING: Williams 18-2-54-0, Fraser 23-8-52-2, Feltham 4.1-0-9-0, Emburey 32.5-11-55-3, Tufnell 40.4-9-77-5, Keech 6-1-9-0

Bonus points: Middlesex 6, Nottinghamshire 6

Umpires: R Julian and P Willey

Surrey v Essex

THE OVAL *(third day of four): Essex with seven second-innings wickets in hand are 126 runs ahead of Surrey*

ESSEX: First Innings 418 (G A Gooch 79, J J B Lewis 56, D R Pringle 52)

Second Innings

*G A Gooch c Kersey b M P Bicknell	5
J P Stephenson run out	1
P J Prichard c Kersey b Benjamin	0
Salim Malik not out	16
N Hussain not out	5
Extras (lb 3)	3
Total (3 wkts)	38

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-7, 3-24

SURREY: First Innings

D J Bicknell c Salim b Ilott	23
*A J Stewart c Such b Ilott	46
G P Thorpe lbw b Ilott	85
M A Lynch run out	27
D M Ward c Garnham b Ilott	8
A D Brown c Hussain b Such	46
†G J Kersey c Lewis b Ilott	2
M P Bicknell b Ilott	24
N M Kendrick c Ilott b Salim	27
Waqar Younis not out	8
J E Benjamin lbw b Ilott	0
Extras (lb 6)	6
Total (112.4 overs)	330

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-50, 2-87, 3-109, 4-158, 5-238, 6-249, 7-256, 8-297, 9-330

BOWLING: Foster 30-3-91-0, Pringle 14-2-59-0, Such 29-8-57-1, Ilott 31.4-8-85-7, Gooch 4-1-25-0, Salim Malik 4-2-7-1

Bonus points: Surrey 6, Essex 8

Umpires: G I Burgess and J W Holder

Derbyshire v Glamorgan

DERBY *(third day of four): Derbyshire with all second-innings wickets in hand need 392 runs to beat Glamorgan*

GLAMORGAN: First Innings 320 (I V A Richards 86, S J Base 4-53)

Second Innings

S P James lbw b Warner	24
*H Morris c Cork b Base	100
A Dale c Bowler b Warner	4
M P Maynard b Cork	140
I V A Richards c Morris b Adams	32
R D B Croft lbw b Cork	22
R P Lefebvre lbw b Cork	0
†C P Metson not out	26
P A Cottey b Griffith	6
Extras (b 5, lb 7, w 2, nb 8)	22
Total (8 wkts dec)	388

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-53, 2-65, 3-220, 4-244, 5-305, 6-305, 7-318, 8-368

BOWLING: Malcolm 22-3-93-0, Warner 16-3-55-2, Cork 17.4-5-53-3, Griffith 13.5-1-46-1, Base 12-2-51-1, Adams 11-0-63-1

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings

*K J Barnett b Basten	13
P D Bowler c Richards b Lefebvre	96
J E Morris lbw b Dale	51
C J Adams b Dale	24
T J G O'Gorman c sub b Dale	14
†A R Griffith c Richards b Lefebvre	4
†K M Krikken c Metson b Watkin	29
D G Cork not out	38
A E Warner b Croft	6
S J Base c Metson b Watkin	0
D E Malcolm lbw b Lefebvre	1
Extras (lb 7)	7
Total (78 overs)	283

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-21, 2-137, 3-169, 4-187, 5-201, 6-208, 7-270, 8-277, 9-278.

BOWLING: Watkin 22-2-87-2, Basten 16-1-81-1, Lefebvre 20-3-58-3, Dale 18-2-63-3, Croft 2-0-6-1.

Second Innings

K J Barnett not out	9
P D Bowler not out	5
Extras	0
Total	14

Bonus points: Derbyshire 6, Glamorgan 7

Umpires: D J Constant and N T Plews

Tetley Bitter Challenge

Sussex v Australians

HOVE *(final day of three): Sussex drew with the Australians*

SUSSEX: First Innings 353 (A P Wells 93, I D K Salisbury 59, K Greenfield 55, B P Julian 5-63)

Second Innings

N J Lenham b May	19
C W J Athey c Martyn b May	27
K Greenfield st Healy b May	3
M P Speight c Healy b Reiffel	0
C M Wells not out	124
†P Moores not out	5
Extras (b 6, lb 10, nb 18)	34
Total (4 wkts)	92

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-60, 2-75, 3-78, 4-78

BOWLING: McDermott 5-1-16-0, Julian 5-0-13-0, Hughes 10-3-19-0, May 14-6-19-3, Reiffel 5-1-9-1

AUSTRALIANS: First Innings

M J Slater b Giddins	73
M L Hayden st Moores b Salisbury	66
D R Martyn c Giddins b C M Wells	136
*A R Border run out	33
S R Waugh st Moores b C M Wells	124
†I A Healy not out	24
B P Julian not out	16
Extras (b 1, lb 7, w 2, nb 6)	16
Total (5 wkts dec)	490

T B A May, M G Hughes, C J McDermott and P R Reiffel did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-115, 2-174, 3-237, 4-442, 5-451

BOWLING: Jones 18-1-90-0, Giddins 21-3-95-1, Pigott 25-4-73-0, Salisbury 33-1-116-1, C M Wells 19-0-67-2, Athey 8-0-31-0

Umpires: H D Bird and M J Kitchen

Other matches

Oxford University v Northamptonshire

THE PARKS *(first day of three: Northamptonshire won toss): Oxford University, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 317 runs behind Northamptonshire*

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings

A Fordham c Tremby b Yeabsley	28
N A Felton lbw b Yeabsley	16
R J Bailey b Gallian	91
A J Lamb c Gupta b Tremby	46
M B Love not out	57
A L Penberthy run out	3
†D Ripley not out	62
Extras (lb 1, lb 4, w 2, nb 24)	31
Total (5 wkts dec)	334

A Walker, J P Taylor, N G B Cook and A R Roberts did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-46, 2-69, 3-192, 4-213, 5-219

BOWLING: Jeh 9-1-56-0, Gallian 14-4-42-1; Yeabsley 18-4-52-2; MacDonald 15-5-56-0, Tremby 16-1-73-1, Salim Malik 12-1-50-0

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First Innings

R R Montgomerie c Love b Taylor	9
*†J E R Gallian not out	6
C M Gupta c Ripley b Taylor	1
C L Keey not out	0
Extras (lb 1)	1
Total (2 wkts)	17

G I MacMillan, H Malik, M Jeh, R Yeabsley, †C Lyons, P Tremby and R H MacDonald to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-14.

Umpires: P A White and A G T Whitehead

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

AXA Equity and Law League

Middlesex v Nottinghamshire

LORD'S *(Nottinghamshire won toss): Middlesex (4pts) beat Nottinghamshire by five runs*

MIDDLESEX

D L Haynes c Johnson b Cairns	17
M Keech lbw b Cairns	0
M R Ramprakash c French b Lewis	88
*J D Carr c French b Lewis	82
R J Sims b Lewis	15
†K R Brown c Pollard b Lewis	26
P N Weekes not out	5
J E Emburey not out	7
Extras (b 2, lb 3, w 2)	7
Total (6 wkts, 50 overs)	257

R L Johnson, N F Williams and A R C Fraser did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-27, 3-192, 4-205, 5-244, 6-250

BOWLING: Lewis 10-3-45-4; Cairns 10-1-34-2; Evans 7-0-57-0; Field-Buss 10-0-39-0; Mike 10-0-60-0; Crawley 3-0-17-0

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

C C Lewis c Weekes b Williams	19
M Saxelby c Brown b Weekes	37
*†R T Robinson b Fraser	1
P Johnson c Havnes b Keech	42
C L Cairns c Brown b Keech	2
P R Pollard lbw b Weekes	8
M A Crawley c Brown b Williams	22
G W Mike not out	51
†B N French b Johnson	7
K P Evans not out	17
Extras (b 5, lb 25, w 14, nb 2)	46
Total (8 wkts, 50 overs)	252

C C Lewis and M G Field-Buss did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-24, 2-29, 3-120, 4-120, 5-131, 6-131, 7-189, 8-215

BOWLING: Williams 10-1-36-2, Fraser 10-1-50-1, Johnson 5-0-31-1, Emburey 10-1-38-0, Keech 9-2-34-2, Weekes 6-0-33-2

Umpires: R Julian and P Willey

Surrey v Essex

THE OVAL *(Essex won toss): Surrey (4pts) beat Essex by two wickets.*

ESSEX

P J Prichard c Boding b Benjamin	16
J P Stephenson b Boding	37
Salim Malik b Benjamin	7
D R Pringle b Wagar	16
*G A Gooch c Butcher b Murphy	65
N V Knight c Lynch b Boding	6
†M A Garnham lbw b Thorpe	0
J J B Lewis b Thorpe	7
T D Topley b Wagar	19
P M Such not out	8
M C Ilott not out	11
Extras (lb 1, lb 8, w 8)	17
Total (9 wkts, 50 overs)	207

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-22, 2-32, 3-63, 4-102, 5-123, 6-124, 7-148, 8-182, 9-199

BOWLING: Benjamin 7-1-23-2; Murphy 8-3-25-1, Butcher 10-0-39-0; Wagar Younis 9-1-46-2; Boiling 9-0-38-2; Thorpe 7-0-27-2

SURREY

D J Bicknell c Stephenson b Pringle	8
A D Brown b Topley	52
*†A J Stewart c Garnham b Topley	53
G P Thorpe st Garnham b Such	27
M A Lynch c Lewis b Stephenson	14
D M Ward st Garnham b Stephenson	1
M A Butcher not out	57
Wagar Younis b Ilott	9
J Boiling b Ilott	0
J E Benjamin not out	1
Extras (lb 8, w 5, nb 2)	16
Total (8 wkts, 48.5 overs)	209

A J Murphy did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-83, 3-137, 4-165, 5-165, 6-173, 7-200, 8-200

BOWLING: Ilott 9.5-0-53-2, Pringle 9-1-37-1, Stephenson 8-0-42-2, Topley 10-1-41-2, Such 10-2-27-1.

Umpires: G I Burgess and J W Holder.

Kent v Warwickshire

CANTERBURY *(Kent won toss): Kent (4pts) beat Warwickshire by 66 runs*

KENT

T R Ward c Twose b Donald	99
*M R Benson lbw b P A Smith	40
C L Hooper st Burns b N M K Smith	29
M V Fleming b N M K Smith	14
N R Taylor not out	50
G R Cowdrey c Penney b N M K Smith	4
N J Llong b Reeve	17
†S A Marsh c N M K Smith b Munton	4
D J Spencer run out	4
Extras (b 3, lb 6, w 15, nb 4)	28
Total (8 wkts, 49 overs)	289

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-88, 2-164, 3-192, 4-200, 5-213, 6-256, 7-271, 8-289.

D W Headley and A P Igglesden did not bat.

BOWLING: Munton 9-0-55-1; Reeve 7-0-41-1; Donald 8.4-2-39-1; Bell 7-0-48-0; P A Smith 7-0-54-1; N M K Smith 10-0-40-3; Twose 0.2-0-2-0.

WARWICKSHIRE

A J Moles c Marsh b Igglesden	14
†M Burns c Llong b Igglesden	4
R G Twose run out	7
D P Ostler c Ward b Fleming	44
T L Penney not out	83
*D A Reeve st Marsh b Llong	4
P A Smith run out	1
N M K Smith b Headley	23
M A V Bell b Fleming	4
T A Munton b Fleming	13
A A Donald absent hurt	0
Extras (lb 16, w 8, nb 2)	26
Total (9 wkts, 46.1 overs)	223

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-25, 3-33, 4-104, 5-117, 6-120, 7-168, 8-195, 9-223.

BOWLING: Igglesden 8-0-31-2; Headley 9-0-38-1, Hooper 10-0-42-0, Spencer 4-0-17-0, Fleming 9 1-0-39-3, Llong 6-0-40-1.

Umpires: B Dudleston and G Sharp

Derbyshire v Glamorgan

DERBY *(Glamorgan won toss): Derbyshire (4pts) beat Glamorgan by three runs*

DERBYSHIRE

*K J Barnett c Dale b Barwick	32
P D Bowler run out	96
J E Morris c Croft	27
C J Adams c Dale b Watkin	52
A E Warner c Morris b Barwick	0
T J G O'Gorman lbw b Barwick	0
†A R Griffith b Barwick	1
D G Cork run out	0
†B J M Maher b Barwick	2
S J Base not out	3
D E Malcolm c Hemp b Barwick	0
Extras (lb 2)	2
Total (49.3 overs)	215

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-69, 2-111, 3-209, 4-209, 5-209, 6-210, 7-210, 8-210, 9-215.

BOWLING: Watkin 10-0-38-1, Lefebvre 10-1-43-0; Croft 10-0-28-1, Barwick 9.3-1-28-6, Dale 6-0-48-0; Richards 4-0-28-0

GLAMORGAN

S P James c Maher b Malcolm	0
*H Morris c Barnett b Malcolm	70
A Dale b Griffith	12
M P Maynard b Cork	69
I V A Richards c Maher b Griffith	30
R D B Croft c Barnett b Griffith	13
D L Hemp b Cork	2
R P Lefebvre not out	1
†C P Metson c Cork b Griffith	1
Extras (lb 5, w 1, nb 8)	14
Total (9 wkts, 50 overs)	212

S L Watkin and S R Barwick did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-37, 3-133, 4-188, 5-205 7-210 8-212.

BOWLING: Malcolm 10-1-35-2; Warner 10-1-41-0; Cork 10-1-30-2, Griffith 10-0-46-4, Base 10-0-53-0

Umpires: D J Constant and N T Plews

Yorkshire v Worcestershire

HEADINGLEY *(Worcestershire won toss): No result. Yorkshire 2pts, Worcestershire 2*

YORKSHIRE

*M D Moxon c Lampitt b Newport	20
A A Metcalfe lbw b Newport	22
R B Richardson lbw b Illingworth	17
D Byas c Seymour b Tolley	38
†R J Blakey b Benjamin	43
C White c Lampitt b Benjamin	20
A P Grayson c Rhodes b Tolley	4
P W Jarvis not out	7
D Gough not out	2
Extras (lb 8, w 2, nb 4)	14
Total (7 wkts, 50 overs)	187

M A Robinson and C E W Silverwood did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-46, 2-63, 3-71, 4-122, 5-168, 6-176, 7-178.

BOWLING: Benjamin 10-3-29-2; Tolley 10-0-50-2, Newport 10-0-38-2, Lampitt 10-1-46-0; Illingworth 10-3-14-1.

WORCESTERSHIRE

*T S Curtis b Robinson	31
W P C Weston not out	15
G A Hick not out	0
Extras (b 1, lb 4, nb 4)	9
Total (1 wkt, 17 overs)	55

D B D'Oliveira, A C H Seymour, S R Lampitt, †S J Rhodes, R K Illingworth, P J Newport, K C G Benjamin and C M Tolley did not bat

FALL OF WICKET: 1-54.

BOWLING: Jarvis 5-1-9-0; Gough 5-1-14-0, Robinson 4-1-16-1; Silverwood 3-1-11-0

Umpires: D R Shepherd and G A Stickley.

Durham v Hampshire

STOCKTON-ON-TEES *(Durham won toss): No result. Durham (2pts), Hampshire (2)*

HAMPSHIRE

V P Terry c Smith b Cummins	12
T C Middleton c Parker b Cummins	12
R A Smith not out	53
D I Gower b Hughes	8
*M C J Nicholas c Cummins b Bainbridge	13
J R Ayling c Bainbridge b Cummins	10
M D Marshall b Cummins	3
S D Udal not out	1
Extras (b 2, lb 3, w 4, nb 6)	15
Total (8 wkts, 34 overs)	127

†A N Aymes, M Jean-Jacques and C A Connor did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-32, 3-53, 4-82, 5-105, 6-118.

BOWLING: Hughes 8-0-38-1; Cummins 10-3-24-4; Berry 9-0-31-0, Bainbridge 7-0-29-1



Ramprakash: 88 at Lord's

DURHAM

G Fowler not out	23
W Larkins not out	21
Extras (b 1, lb 3)	4
Total (no wkt, 11 overs)	48

P W G Parker, P Bainbridge, I Smith, J D Glendenen, †A R Fothergill, A C Cummins, P J Berry, *D A Graveney and S P Hughes did not bat

BOWLING: Marshall 5-1-12-0; Connor 2-0-11-0; Udal 3-0-15-0; Ayling 1-0-6-0

Umpires: V A Holder and B J Meyer.

Somerset v Lancashire

TAUNTON *(Somerset won toss): No result. Somerset (2pts), Lancashire (2)*

LANCASHIRE

S P Titchard c Burns b Rose	16
*M A Atherton c Burns b Kerr	28
N J Speak c Burns b Mushtaq	40
G D Lloyd b Payne	28
M Watkinson b Caddick	27
Wasim Akram c van Troost b Mushtaq	9
P A J DeFreitas c Folland b Caddick	14
†W K Hegg lbw b Payne	1
I D Austin not out	16
P J Martin not out	13
Extras (lb 10, w 6, nb 2)	18
Total (8 wkts, 44.1 overs)	210

G Chapple did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-44, 2-62, 3-117, 4-121, 5-137, 6-168, 7-171, 8-182.

BOWLING: Caddick 9-0-44-2, van Troost 5 1-0-33-0; Kerr 5-0-21-1; Rose 8-2-22-1; Mushtaq Ahmed 9-1-37-2; Payne 8-0-43-2

SOMERSET: A P van Troost, M N Lathwell, R J Harden, *C J Tavaré, N A Folland, †N D Burns, G D Rose, J I D Kerr, Mushtaq Ahmed, A R Caddick and A Payne

Umpires: R Palmer and J C Balderstone.

Other match

Cambridge University v Leicestershire

FENNER'S *(second day of three: Cambridge University won toss): Cambridge University, with all second-innings wickets in hand, are 103 runs behind Leicestershire*

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: First Innings

*J P Crawley c Nixon b Mullally	6
G W Jones lbw b Dakin	0
M E D Jarrett c Benson b Pierson	51
R Cake c Potter b Parsons	22
G M Charlesworth lbw b Dakin	49
†J P Arscott c Nixon b Dakin	0
J Leppard c Benson b Potter	20
N J Haste c Parsons b Dakin	5
R M Pearson not out	13
C M Pitcher c Benson b Parsons	0
A R Whittall st Nixon b Potter	0
Extras (b 1, lb 5, w 1, nb 6)	13
Total	179

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-16, 3-50, 4-111, 5-114, 6-143, 7-157, 8-169, 9-174

BOWLING: Mullally 13-6-28-1, Dakin 22.9-45-4; Parsons 11-6-23-2; Smith 7-2-22-0; Potter 11.4-4-17-2; Pierson 17-5-38-1

Second Innings

J P Crawley not out	0
G W Jones not out	2
Extras	0
Total (no wkt)	2

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

J D R Benson lbw b Haste	11
P N Hingworth b Haste	18
B F Smith b Pearson	17
P E Robinson lbw b Charlesworth	33
V J Wells lbw b Pitcher	1
L Potter not out	103
†P A Nixon c Crawley b Charlesworth	0
*G J Parsons run out	58
J Dakin lbw b Charlesworth	5
A R K Pierson b Pearson	15
A D Mullally c Arscott b Pitcher	7
Extras (b 8, lb 3, nb 2)	13
Total	282

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-25, 2-34, 3-61, 4-64, 5-111, 6-111, 7-216, 8-232, 9-257

BOWLING: Pitcher 22.1-5-72-2, Haste 14-5-44-2; Pearson 26-5-77-2; Charlesworth 21-6-33-3, Whittall 18-6-34-0; Leppard 3-0-11-0

Umpires: A Clarkson and D O Oslear.

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HAMPSH

Derby field shrinks on Armiger's failure

BY RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT, IN PARIS

THE Ever Ready Derby in 16 days' time looks increasingly like a one-horse race following the surprise defeat of Armiger in Paris yesterday and a scrambled win by Barathea in Saturday's Irish 2,000 Guineas.

Armiger was beaten fair and square in the Prix Lupin by Hernando and was immediately struck out of the betting for the Epsom classic.

"Our worst fears have been realised," Mike Dillon, of Ladbrokes, said. "We will probably end up with a single-figure field and a 3-1 on favourite. Tenby is running out of opposition." Ladbrokes bet 5-2 on Tenby, 7-1 Barathea, 10-1 Fatherland, 14-1 others.

Tenby is now 5-2 on with both Corals and Ladbrokes and looks certain to go off the shortest-priced Derby favourite this century. Tudor Minstrel was 7-4 on when beaten at Epsom in 1947.

Pat Eddery set out to make all the running over the extended ten furlongs at Longchamp but anxiety set in more than half a mile from home as the Chester Vase winner repeatedly changed his leading leg on ground officially described as good. Dernier Empereur, the only other Derby entry in the five-runner field, tracked Armiger into the straight but was soon beaten as Hernando, unraced as a two-year-old, cruised alongside Armiger and had only to be pushed out by Cash Asmussen for victory.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: CEE-EN-CEE (5.15 Bath)
Next best: Truben (4.15 Bath)

Hernando's success completed a double for Francois Boutin, who had earlier sent out Madeleine's Dream to win the French 1,000 Guineas. The Chantilly trainer, who is fighting a serious illness, was accorded a hero's welcome as he walked into the winner's enclosure.

Eddery said: "Perhaps Armiger is a soft ground horse. I lost count of the number of times he changed legs. He is better than today and I just hope they find something wrong with him tomorrow to explain the poor run.

"I was not happy with him before the turn into the straight. At Chester I was able to keep him on the bridle but today I wanted to stretch him as I know he stays. If we had gone an easy pace they would have killed him for speed."

Grant Pritchard-Gordon, racing manager to Khaled Abdulla, found himself in the rare position this season of having to explain a below par performance by one of the Prince's horses. "We will have to see how he comes home before making any further decisions," he said.

If Tenby runs to form, it is virtually impossible to see what will beat him in the Derby. The likelihood of the first single-figure field since 1907 puts the Derby in danger of becoming the world's greatest race in name only.

The recession, building works at Epsom and inept management have combined to reduce the status of the Derby. United Racecourses (UR), which manages Epsom, had been hoping for a strong field to revive the event.

Tim Neligan, the managing director of UR, said yesterday he would be surprised if there were less than 12 runners. Apart from the first prize of £450,000, place money includes £40,000 for fourth and Neligan hopes this will provide owners with an incentive to run, he pointed out.


ED BYRNE

Whip hand: Barathea, ridden by Michael Roberts, takes the Irish 2,000 Guineas from Fatherland (No. 2) and Massyar (second right)

Barathea's victory answers few questions

FROM OUR IRISH RACING CORRESPONDENT IN DUBLIN

BARATHEA became only the second 2,000 Guineas runner-up to win the Irish equivalent on Saturday. Grundy, his predecessor of 18 years ago, translated his Guineas efforts into victory at Epsom, but Barathea has yet to be confirmed a starter for the Derby.

"He is still a baby and this was his first race away from Newmarket," Luca Cumani, the winning trainer, said of Shaikh Mohammed's colt. "He came to take the lead well but Michael Roberts says he was rather lazy when hitting the front. On pedigree you would say he does not get a mile and a half, but we will have to sleep on this before making any decision about Epsom."

Barathea prevailed by only a head over Fatherland, and then he had to survive a stewards' enquiry. He appeared to hamper the Aga Khan's Massyar, but in the last few strides was coming ever closer to a collision with Lester Piggott on Fatherland. The stewards allowed the result to stand but imposed a three-day suspension on Roberts, who had also collected a four-day ban earlier in the week at Redcar.

On form, Barathea should have emerged a convincing winner but his performance was 10lb inferior to his second to Zafonic at Newmarket. Little more than two lengths covered the first six home, and Barathea's stable companion, Fitzcarraldo, who was there to ensure a good pace, was only a length and a half behind the winner.

There was no decision on Fatherland's participation in the Derby but he must be a probable runner. He might, indeed, be a final Epsom collaboration for the magnificent team of Vincent O'Brien and Lester Piggott. Now that O'Brien's son, Charles, has started training in his own right, Vincent has cut his own team down to just a dozen. It must be long odds against such a small muster producing a challenger worthy of tackling a future Derby.

Roberts's luck turned for the better when he rode Shaikh Mohammed's George Augustus, trained in Ireland by John Oxx, to a short head win over the British challenger Ezzoud in the group two Tattersalls Gold Cup.

Curragh details

Going: soft

3.50 THE AIRLIE/COOLMORE IRISH 2,000 GUINEAS (Group 1: 3-Y-O colts & fillies: £149,649: 1m)
BARATHEA b c Sadler's Wells - Brocade (Shaikh Mohammed) 9-0 M Roberts (4-7 fav) 1
Fatherland b c Sadler's Wells - Lisadell (Mrs M O'Brien) 9-0 L Piggott (11-2) 2
Massyar b c Kahyasi - Masarika (H H Aga Khan) 9-0 R Hughes (10-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 9 Petardia, 16 Unusual Heat, 20 Master Tribe (5th), Ivory Frontier (6th), Mysterious Ways, 40 Fitzcarraldo (4th), Nordic Fox, 100 Via Parigi. 11 ran. Hd, 1l, hd, ½l, ½l. L Cumani at Newmarket. Tote: £1.60; £1.10, £1.50, £1.70. DF: £2.70. CSF: £4.68. 1min 43sec. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

Moore makes mark

GARY Moore, the Epsom trainer, gained his first pattern race success with his first runner in that grade when Karinga Bay, ridden by Brian Rouse, won the group three Badener Meile at Baden-Baden yesterday.

Karinga Bay ran on well to score a comfortable two-length victory over Le Jardin, with Lord Huntingdon's Enharmonic a further three and a half lengths away in third.

He is likely to stay at Baden-Baden for next Sunday's group two Grosser Preis der Wirtschaft.

Great Palm comfortably took the group one Premio Presidente della Repubblica at the Capannelle in Rome yesterday. Paul Cole's colt, ridden by Alan Munro, beat Guado d'Annibale by two lengths, with Luca Cumani's Masad three and a half lengths away in third and Clive Brittain's Boloardo five lengths back in fifth.

BATH

THUNDERER

2.15 Danny Boy. 4.15 Elaine Tully.
2.45 Blue Bomber. 4.45 Hallorina.
3.15 Flakey Dove. 5.15 Cee-En-Cee.
3.45 Baron Ferdinand. 5.45 Sareen Express.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.15 Truben.
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.45 HALLORINA.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 5F 11YD-1M 5YD, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.15 TIMEFORM DAY AT BATH MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,665: 1m 5yd) (13 runners)

1 (2) 5000-0 BAULKING TOWERS 35 (Baulking Racing) M McCormack 9-0 M Perrett 51
2 (4) 00-0 BOLTROSE 12 (Mrs E Hitchins) K White 9-0 J Williams 90
3 (10) 044-0 DANNY BOY 35 (I Tweedie) R Hannon 9-0 Pat Eddery 98
4 (12) 350-000 DICKINS 14 (Dickins Ltd) R Hollinshead 9-0 K Darley 76
5 (1) 000 MASTER BEVELED 12 (A King) A Jones 9-0 N Adams 61
6 (6) *MORAN BRIS* (G Smart) I Balding 9-0 *S O'Gorman* –
7 (9) 06035-4 *THE EXECUTOR 14 (Exors Mrs J de Rothschild) R Johnson Houghton 9-0* T Quinn 89
8 (5) 40- *TWO LUMPS 210 (Mrs M Rae Smith) I Balding 9-0* R Cochrane 75
9 (7) 0-6 ALTA VICTORIA 14 (Mrs J Baker) R Charlton 8-9 S Raymont 94
10 (3) 64 MIGAVON 20 (L Sroos) W G M Turner 8-9 Paul Eddery 89
11 (13) PRINCESS SHAWNEE (Mrs B Taylor) Mrs M McCourt 8-9 A Tucker (3) –
12 (11) STRATTON FLYER (W Evans) H Howe 8-9 T Lang –
13 (8) 0- TREBLE LASS 195 (E Gadsden) B Meehan 8-8 A Munro –

BETTING: 5-2 Danny Boy, 7-2 Alta Victoria, 6-1 The Executor, 8-1 Moran Bris, Two Lumps. 10-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING MEETING

FORM FOCUS

DANNY BOY 7¼l 4th of 10 to Barathea in a conditions race at Newmarket on October (7f, good to firm). THE EXECUTOR 5½l 4th of 14 to American Savage in a handicap at Kempton (1m 1f, good to firm). ALTA VICTORIA 5½l 6th of 16 to Aneesah in a maiden at Kempton (1m, good). MIGAVON 6½l 5th of 15 to Zafira in a maiden at Nottingham (1m, good to soft). MORAN BRIS is a half-brother, by Bustino, to 7f juvenile maiden winner Island Mead. Selection: DANNY BOY

2.45 EBF TIMEFORM CARD MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,699: 5f 11yd) (17 runners)

1 (11) *ALPINE SKIER (P Savill) R Hannon 9-0* *K Darley* –
2 (14) *ANOTHERONE TO NOTE (Noteworthy Friends) M Muggeridge 9-0* B Rouse –
3 (10) *BANDAR PERAK (P Ang) S Dow 9-0* C Rutter –
4 (6) 0 BITE THE BULLET 10 (T Couchman) D Lang 9-0 J Quinn –
5 (1) 5 BLUE BOMBER 16 (D Thompson) R Hannon 9-0 Pat Eddery 89
6 (13) DESERT LORE (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 9-0 L Piggott –
7 (2) JACOB BOGDANI (R Green (Fine Paintings)) P Cole 9-0 T Quinn –
8 (5) *MONSIEUR PETONG (E Fenwolf) M Channon 9-0* Paul Eddery –
9 (7) 0 NORTHERN STARLIGHT 23 (X Lambeaker) P Murphy 9-0 N Adams –
10 (15) *SILVER BRIEF (T Cooper) Mrs J Dare 9-0* G Bardwell –
11 (17) 0 SUN CHIEF 23 (Pharaohs Lodge Ltd) B Hills 9-0 D Holland –
12 (12) 35 COUNT VALLEY 21 (C Sumner) R Johnson Houghton 8-9 R Hills 87
13 (4) *BIGGLESWICK GIRL (M Bisson) M Channon 8-9* A Munro –
14 (9) *JULIA TOMSA (D Hodges) P Murphy 8-9* J Williams –
15 (8) 0 REIGNING ROYAL 14 (D Morris) R Hodges 8-9 *S Drowne (7)* –
16 (16) *SHE'S SWEET (Jac Dave Racing Club) Mrs J Dare 8-9* W Newnes –
17 (3) 0 *TITANIA'S DANCE 23 (Miss L Boden) M Bell 8-9* M Hills –

BETTING: 5-4 Blue Bomber, 5-1 Desert Lore, 11-2 Jacob Bogdani, 8-1 Alpine Skier, 10-1 Sun Chief, 12-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

BLUE BOMBER 7½l 5th of 11 to Gold Land in a maiden at Newmarket (5f, good) NORTHERN STARLIGHT 13½l 10th of 21 to Neo in a maiden auction at Leicester (5f, good), with SUN CHIEF 5l 15th. DESRET LORE (Jan 31st, cost 9,000gns) by Green Desert, first foal of Chinese Justice, 6f juvenile fetched twice winner in Ireland. Selection: BLUE BOMBER

3.15 TIMEFORM SILVER TANKARD MAIDEN STAKES (Div I: £3,523: 1m 2f 46yd) (15 runners)

1 (2) *ARCTIC LINE 218U (E Hayward) J Bradley 5-9-12* N Adams –
2 (3) 06 CHAPEL OF BARRAS 9 (Hawbridge Ltd) P Hobbs 4-9-12 J Reid –
3 (12) 00/000/ COLWAY PRINCE 9U (A King) A Jones 5-9-12 R Cochrane –
4 (14) 630/00-0 THE GORROCK 14 (B) (E Lodge) A Chamberlain 4-9-12 M Perrett –
5 (15) BIJOU FIRE (The Racing Club (Ltd) J Hills 3-8-7 M Hills –
6 (7) 0-4 FLAKEY DOVE 14J (J Price) R Price 7-9-7 J Williams 89
7 (4) 0- *UNREFACTION 327 (New House Farm Lady Sables) R Akehurst 4-9-7* R Perham –
8 (16) 0-0 BAYRAN 23 (H Al-Maktoum) A Stewart 3-8-11 W Carson –
9 (5) 04- BEAUCHAMP HERO 251 (S Perren) J Dunlop 3-8-11 A McGlone 71
10 (9) 20- BLACK DRAGON 228 (Shaikh Mohammed) B Hills 3-8-11 M Roberts 89
11 (13) 2 CAPTAIN'S GUEST 11 (K Buchanan) G Harwood 3-8-11 L Dettori 90
12 (1) 40 PREROGATIVE 14 (The Queen) I Balding 3-8-11 B Rouse –
13 (8) 3 RUNAWAY PETE 48 (T Lilley) P Cole 3-8-11 T Quinn 82
14 (6) WHATONE BELL (L Wadge) M Magorrigan 3-8-11 B Rouse –
15 (11) 00 MISS MICHELLE 9 (T Bowser) S Mellor 3-8-6 D Harrison (3) –

BETTING: 9-4 Prerogative, 7-2 Flakey Dove, 5-1 Black Dragon, 6-1 Captain's Guest, 8-1 Beauchamp Hero, Runaway Pete. 10-1 Bayrak, 12-1 Bijou Fire, 16-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

FLAKEY DOVE smart hurdler, 7½l 4th of 5 to Allegan in a conditions race at Nottingham (1m 6f, good). BEAUCHAMP HERO 3½l 4th of 20 to Burgoo in a maiden at Lingfield (7f, good to soft). BLACK DRAGON ½l 2nd of 7 to Kuscenia in a conditions race at York (7f, good). CAPTAIN'S GUEST 2½l 2nd of 14 to Exhibit Ab in a maiden at Brighton (1m 2f, firm). PREROGATIVE 5½l 4th of 22 to Planetary Aspect in a maiden at Newbury (7m, good). RUNAWAY PETE 4½l 3rd of 12 to Embankment in a maiden at Leicester (7m, firm). Selection: PREROGATIVE

3.45 TIMEFORM SILVER TANKARD MAIDEN STAKES (Div II: £3,494: 1m 2f 46yd) (15 runners)

1 (10) 3/2202-0 RELDRIDGE 24 (Mrs W Tuffnell) C Brooks 4-9-12 J Reid 88
2 (2) 0 RONEO 23 (T Ford) Miss J Doyle 5-9-12 S Dunan (7) –
3 (11) 502040- SANDRO 75J (B) (Miss M Rowe) R Baker 4-9-12 A Munro 51
4 (8) GLASS ATTRACTION 9J (Rosebond Ltd) M Pipe 4-9-7 M Perrett –
5 (15) 400000- GESNERA 198 (A Hall) K White 5-9-7 J Williams –
6 (1) 33-2 BARON FERDINAND 13 (Exors Mrs J de Rothschild) R Charlton 3-8-11 R Cochrane 89
7 (12) 568- DIG W THE RIBS 202 (P Savill) R Hollinshead 3-8-11 K Darley 76
8 (5) 44562- JONSALAN 259 (A Ward) T Mills 3-8-11 W Newnes 78
9 (9) LEEWA (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) W Hern 3-8-11 M Roberts –
10 (14) 50 MOSHAAJIR 12 (Maktoum Al Maktoum) A Scott 3-8-11 B Raymond 78
11 (6) 0-0 RED WHIRLWIND 32 (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 3-8-11 D Holland 74
12 (7) ROLLING WATERS (Back Hill Stonebrook Ltd) B McMahon 3-8-11 E Johnson –
13 (4) SPICE BOX (P Mellon) I Balding 3-8-11 L Dettori –
14 (13) TAKE A FLYER (R Morecombe) R Hodges 3-8-11 S Drowne (7) –
15 (3) 48 ZAAHEYAH 25 (M Suhail) J Fanshawe 3-8-6 S Dunan (7) –

BETTING: 4-7 Baron Ferdinand, 6-1 Spice Box, 8-1 Leewa, Red Whirlwind, 10-1 Fieldridge. 12-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

RELDRIDGE 2½l 2nd of 14 to Caspian Tern in a maiden over course and distance in September (good) BARON FERDINAND neck 2nd of 11 to Stoney Valley in a maiden at Chester (1m 2f, good to firm). JONSALAN neck 2nd of 11 to Express Manteuna in a nursery at Warwick in August (1m, good). RED WHIRLWIND 15½l 15th of 18 to Lowe Egypt in a well-contested maiden at Newmarket (7f, good). ZAAHEYAH 12¾l 4th of 12 to Embankment in a maiden at Leicester (1m, firm). Selection: BARON FERDINAND

4.15 TIMEFORM PERSPECTIVE & RATINGS FILLIES' HANDICAP (£3,260: 1m 5f 22yd) (9 runners)

1 (3) 11523-0 SPECTACULAR DAWN 35 (F,S) (P Winfield) J Dunlop 4-9-12 W Carson 88
2 (8) 040-402 TRUBEN 14 (F,G) (Lucayan Stud Ltd) D Loder 4-9-11 L Dettori 95
3 (2) 432330- ELAINE TULLY 51J (B) (F Salisbury) M Heaton-Ellis 5-9-7 J Reid 88
4 (6) 01240-2 ATHAR 14 (S) (J Bosley) R Baker 4-8-10 A Munro 88
5 (9) 2/0-5 JADIDH 9 (D Hazzard) Mrs J Dare 5-8-8 S Bardwell 89
6 (1) 050114- CHILD STAR 187 (G,S) (P Pearson) D Marks 4-8-1 S Dawson 92
7 (7) 315140 ATLANTIC WAY 11 (F,G) (C Hill) C Hill 5-7-10 J Quinn 96
8 (4) 10220-3 ROCQUAINE BAY 11 (F) (D Woolland) M Bolton 6-7-7 N Adams 88
9 (5) 0000/ RUBY DAVIES 1164J (S Hopkins) D Wintle 7-7-7 N Carlisle –

Long handicap: Rocquaine Bay 7-2, Ruby Davies 6-2.
BETTING: 7-2 Truben, 4-1 Athar, 5-1 Elaine Tully, 6-1 Rocquaine Bay, Spectacular Dawn, Child Star, 10-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

SPECTACULAR DAWN 2¼l 3rd of 9 to Crystal Cross in a handicap here in September (1m 3f, good to soft). TRUBEN 1½l 2nd to 5l to Mash Sought After in a handicap at Newcastle (1m 4f, good to soft). ATHAR 2½l 2nd of 17 to Here He Comes in a handicap at Warwick (1m 3f, good to firm). JADIDH last winning handicap hurdler from 2m-2m 6f. CHILD STAR beat Sports View a neck in a 20-runner handicap at Nottingham (2m, good to soft). ATLANTIC WAY beat The Karaoke King 2½l in a 10-runner handicap at Brighton (1m 4f, good). ROCQUAINE BAY 7l 3rd of 13 to Monday Dawn in a handicap at Brighton (1m 4f, firm), with ATLANTIC WAY (5lb better off) 3l 8th. RUBY DAVIES 2m winning selling hurdler. Selection: TRUBEN

4.45 JOCK JOHNSTONE TIMEFORM LIMITED STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,581: 5f 11yd) (12 runners)

1 (9) 6-40010 *AIR COMMAND 9 (CD,G) (R Thomas Williams) R Hodges 8-11* *T Sprake* 75
2 (2) 344-0 GREENHOR 20 (A Galbraith) M Bolton 8-11 J Williams 89
3 (5) 050- DISCO BOY 221 (S Bradford) B McMahon 8-11 T Quinn 83
4 (8) 10-0 JERSIMIAHS BOY 18 (CD,BF,S) (J Bayley) R Hodges 8-11 S Drowne (7) 74
5 (12) 221330 PURBECK CENTENARY 20 (G) (Hammond Partnership) P Howling 8-11 M Roberts 74
6 (1) 22025-0 WINDRUSH BOY 47 (BF) (M Wilkins) M McCormack 8-11 J Reid 85
7 (10) 06-0103 CHAMPAGNE GRANDY 9 (G) (Grandy Girls) M Channon 8-6 Pat Eddery 92
8 (7) 3336-52 CLOUDY REEF 21 (BF) (M Johnson) R Hollinshead 8-6 K Darley 89
9 (6) 11090-1 HALLORINA 8 (C,F,G) (Mrs J Thomson) W Wightman 8-6 G Bardwell 89
10 (4) 0509-09 LADY OF SHADOWS 20 (V) (Under Orders Racing III) S Dow 8-6 C Rutter 82
11 (11) 6315-00 MELODYS DAUGHTER 13 (D,G) (Lord Lewisham) R Johnson Houghton 8-6 R Hills 82
12 (3) 2535-0 THE ORDINARY GIRL 12 (M MacCarthy) T Casey 8-6 N Adams 78

BETTING: 7-2 Champagne Grandy, 4-1 Jersimiahs Boy, 5-1 Hallorina, 11-2 Purbeck Centenary, 6-1 Windrush Boy, 7-1 Cloudy Reef, 8-1 Disco Boy, 10-1 Air Command, 14-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

AIR COMMAND beat Ivy Wilma 3¼l in an 11-runner seller over course and distance, with CREASMHOR (same terms) 6¾l 7th and LADY OF SHADOWS (same terms) 16l 10th. JERSIMIAHS BOY best Night melody a neck in a maiden over course and distance last April (good to soft). PURBECK CENTENARY 1l 3rd of 13 to Palacegate Gold in a handicap at Brighton on penultimate start (5f, 64yd, good). HALLORINA best Prince Songline 1½l in a 16-runner 2 handicap over course and distance (firm), with CHAMPAGNE GRANDY (5lb better off) 2½l 3rd and AIR COMMAND (6lb worse off) 10l 12th. Selection: HALLORINA

5.15 TIMEFORM RACEVIEW HANDICAP (£2,976: 5f 161yd) (15 runners)

1 (14) 35033-1 BLUE TOPAZE 18 (CD,G,S) (M Saunders) M Saunders 5-10-0 J Williams 96
2 (6) 005-600 TRUTHFUL IMAGE 9 (B,CD,F,G) (P Axon) M Ryan 4-9-13 D Biggs 98
3 (7) 0500-00 CEE-EN-CEE 9 (V,CD,F,G,S) (D Humphreys) Mrs M McCourt 3-9-10 T Quinn 92
4 (13) 010510 SAMSOLOM 23 (D,F,S) (The Hammond Partnership) P Howling 5-8-9 J Quinn 91
5 (2) 4310-3D CALL TO THE BAR 20 (G) (Trow Lane Farm) M McCormack 4-9-3 A Clark 98
6 (11) 000-060 ELTON LEXICER 17 (D,G) (A Scott) A Scott 4-8-3 B Raymond 94
7 (1) 9/13-001 COBBLERS HILL 20 (C,F,G) (Miss S Steel) C Barwell 4-8-2 T Lang 97
8 (9) 0-00100 UNVEILED 18 (D,F,G) (Mrs K Burke) R Hodges 5-8-2 W Carson 96
9 (12) 405206 RUSHANES 16 (D,G,S) (M MacCarthy) T Casey 6-8-1 J Reid 94
10 (4) 311100- DANES OF NELSON 251 (D,F,G,S) (A Galbraith) M Bolton 5-8-13 W Newnes 87
11 (15) 424050- FARMER JOCK 256 (D,F,S) (S Thompson) Mrs N Macauley 11-8-11 M Roberts 88
12 (3) 35060-0 GALLANT HOPE 9 (C,D,F,G) (Mrs N Dutfield) L Cottrell 11-8-11 N Carlisle 91
13 (5) 260-102 TROJANS 35 (F) (A King) A Jones 7-8-10 N Adams 89
14 (8) 13000-0 SCARLET PRINCESS 14 (D,S) (D Partridge) R Hodges 5-8-2 *S Drowne (7)* 88
15 (10) 00-3500 GRAND TIME 42 (F,G,S) (C Hill) C Hill 4-8-2 N Bardwell 97

BETTING: 5-1 Call To The Bar, 11-2 Blue Topaze, 6-1 Cobblers Hill, 8-1 Cee-En-Cee, Farmer Jock, Rushanes, 10-1 Elton Ledger, Samsolom, 12-1 Gallant Hope, Unveiled, 16-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

BLUE TOPAZE beat Petoneiaight 2l to a 14-runner handicap at Salisbury (6f, good). TRUTHFUL IMAGE 6½l 7th of 12 to Face North in a handicap at Lingfield (6f, good to firm), with GALLANT HOPE (same terms) 5½l 11th. SAMSOLOM beat Shikari's Son ¾l in a 5-runner handicap at Brighton (6f, good). COBBLERS HILL short-head 2nd of 15, promoted to 1st, to CALL TO THE BAR (same terms) with CEE-EN-CEE (6lb better off) around 3l 7th. UNVEILED beat Simcor 7l in a claimer at Brighton (6f, good to firm). RUSHANES 3½l 2nd of 9 to Mister Jolson in a handicap at Folkestone (6f, soft), with CALL TO THE BAR (2lb worse off) ½l 3rd and TROJANS (5lb better off) 12l 8th. DANES OF NELSON beat Hinari Video 1l in a 12-runner handicap at Hamilton in August (6f, good). Selection: CEE-EN-CEE

5.45 TIMEFORM BLACK BOOK & RATINGS HANDICAP (£2,875: 1m 5yd) (18 runners)

1 (13) 54150-5 SCOTTISH BAMBI 7 (F,S) (W Kelly) R Hannon 5-10-0 D Gibbs (7) 89
2 (4) 0-12133 SILKY SIREN 11 (B,D,BF,F,G) (S Nesbit) M Pipe 4-9-9 Pat Eddery 95
3 (10) 60/00/5 LOCH DUICH 14 (F) (P Slade) R Hodges 7-9-7 S Drowne (7) 92
4 (14) 000-000 BEATLE SONG 39 (C,D,F,G) (C Hill) C Hill 5-9-5 *G Bardwell* 86
5 (1) 00-6401 TOP ONE 14 (D,F) (C Hill) C Hill 8-9-5 J Weaver (3) 95
6 (12) 000-050 OCTOBER BREEN 21 (B) (D Baker) G Lewis 3-9-3 D Harrison (3) 92
7 (7) 040-322 CREDIT SQUEEZE 14 (F) (N Hayley) R Johnson Houghton 3-9-3 R Hills 92
8 (16) 01240-1 GOOD FOR THE ROSES 11 (D,E,S) (Trow Lane Farm) M McCormack 7-9-0 J Reid 89
9 (15) 442-610 HEART OF SPAIN 21 (D,G) (J Hellawood) P Makin 3-9-0 B Raymond 80
10 (3) 004000- CHRISTIAN WARRIOR 295 (Miss P Rasnick-Smith) R Peacock 4-8-12 D Holland 92
11 (8) 00400-0 CHARMED KNAVE 11 (C,D,F,S) (Mrs M Gibson) D Laing 8-8-11 T Williams 94
12 (9) 038000- ASTERIX 214J (C,F) (C Hunt) J Bradley 5-8-11 W Newnes 89
13 (11) 0229-44 PROUD BRIGADIER 14 (G) (M Lawrance) M Channon 5-8-10 T Quinn 97
14 (18) 06500-1 ROSIETOES 14 (D,F) (Mrs A Yearsley) L Cottrell 5-8-9 Mark Denaro (7) 97
15 (2) 4020-15 HOMEMAKER 18 (F,S) (Racecourse Form Racing) P Murphy 5-8-8 J Williams 98
16 (3) 2400-00 RED SOMBRERO 54 (J Hall) R Brotherton 4-8-5 A Clark 91
17 (6) 300501 SAREEN EXPRESS 18 (D,G) (D Hazzard) Mrs J Dare 5-8-5 S McCarthy (7) 98
18 (17) 582002 SARUM 9 (D,F,G) (W Williams) C Wildman 7-8-4 C Rutter 89

BETTING: 6-1 Silky Siren, 13-2 Credit Squeeze, 7-1 Good For The Roses, Proud Brigadier, 8-1 Homemaker, Rosietoes, 10-1 Heart Of Spain, Scottish Bambi, 12-1 Sarum, Top One, 14-1 October Breen, 16-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

SCOTTISH BAMBI 6l 5th of 13 to Akiaaw in a handicap at Windsor (1m 2f, good to firm). SILKY SIREN 2l 3rd of 13 to Sweet Mignonette in a handicap at Leicester on penultimate start (1m, good), with BEATLE SONG (3lb better off) 2½l 9th. LOCH DUICH 3½l 5th of 19 to Mr Genealogy in a seller at Kempton (1m 4f, good to firm). TOP ONE beat Highborn ½l in a 19-runner handicap at Warwick (6f, good to firm). CREDIT SQUEEZE neck 2nd of 14 to Final Frontier in a handicap at Warwick (7f, good to firm). GOOD FOR THE ROSES beat Hybeta 2¼l in a 14-runner handicap at Carlisle (1m, good). HEART OF SPAIN beat Good Image 8l in an 8-runner maiden at Lingfield (AW, 1m, standard). ROSIETOES beat Lady Lacey 2½l in a 21-runner apprentices' handicap at Warwick (1m, good to firm), with PROUD BRIGADIER (7lb better off) 1¼l 4th. SAREEN EXPRESS beat Quick Steel a short head in an apprentices' handicap at Salisbury (7f, good), with PROUD BRIGADIER (4lb better off) 3½l 4th. HOMEMAKER (1lb better off) 1½l 5th and SARUM (6lb better off) 11l 16th. Selection: PROUD BRIGADIER

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
R Charlton	5	13	38.5	Pat Eddery	24	80	30
G Harwood	14	44	31.8	W Carson	17	68	25
M Bell	5	17	29.4	J Reid	22	104	21.2
B Hills	18	68	26.5	K Darley	3	16	18.8
S Lewis	12	46	25	T Quinn	18	113	15.9
W Hern	7	32	21.9	A Munro	11	68	15.9

Turner seizes lead in trophy

POINT-TO-POINT BY BRIAN BEEL

A SINGLE ride at the Dulverton West point-to-point on Saturday enabled Mandy Turner to establish a lead of one over Alison Dare for the Sporting Life Trophy. She won the ladies' open on Oriental Plume to bring her season's total to 19.

Dare was unfortunate on her only ride, in the ladies' at the Tedworth. Partnering Russki, she was going well in the lead five fences from home when he broke down. The race was left wide open and, in a thrilling finish in which only seven lengths separated eight horses, Liz Addison just got the verdict on the 50-1 outsider, Nudge Nudge, to record her first win in only her second race.

Mike Felton, three times men's champion rider, rode his 200th point-to-point winner when Sonofagipsy obliged in the open race for the Tedworth Gold Cup.

This year's championship looks to be going to Alistair Crow, who extended his lead over Julian Pritchard to four after River Melody, the least expected of his three rides at the Golden Valley, won the second division of the restricted.

Pritchard failed to have a winner from five rides, one of which, Star Of Bladen, proved expensive. Backed down from 5-1 to 6-4, he was beaten 12 lengths by Spartan Flapjack.

Brunico won his eleventh race of the season in the open at the Dulverton West.

☐ The Border meeting, abandoned due to waterlogging, has been re-scheduled for next Saturday.

Saturday's results

DULVERTON WEST (Brancon Down): Hunt: 1, Just A Tawny (I Widdicombe, 4-6 fav); 2, Gold Reporter; only 2 ran. 3 ran. Confined: 1, Flame O'Frensi (Miss J Cumings, 2-1 fav); 2, The Doormaker; 3, Ajanec. 10 ran. Open: 1, Brunico (R Treloggen, 1-3 fav); 2, Nearly Splendid; 3, Rapid Rascal. 8 ran. Ladies: 1, Oriental Plume (Miss M Turner, 7-4 jt-fav); 2, Roving Glen; 3, Pollock. 6 ran. PPOA: 1, Staremper Lad (Miss J Cumings, 4-5 fav); 2, Timber Tool; 3, Columbique. 7 ran. Reset: 1, You'll Do (N Moore, 12-1); 2, Allen's Rock; 3, Ivo. 19 ran.

GOLDEN VALLEY (Bradwardine): Hunt: 1, Steve King (W Bryan, 1-3 fav); 2, Flash Cotton; 3, Foxy Day. 5 ran. Confined: 1, Downsview Lady (M Jackson, 10-1); 2, Shadow Walker; 3, Jack And Jill. 12 ran. Open: 1, Solars Pride (R Rowsell, 4-1); 2, Noel Luck; 3, Gaddy Owen. 11 ran. Ladies: 1, Let Me Think (Miss C Thomas, 4-7 fav); 2, Aristos; 3, Smooth Start. 10 ran. Rest: 1, Lost Fortune (H Wheeler, 4-7 fav); 2, Whenthewindblows; 3, Lucky Ole Son. 12 ran. Reset: 1, River Melody (A Crow, 8-1); 2, Pensham's Pride; 3, Sisterly. 11 ran. Open Mdn: 1, Spartan Flapjack (N Bryan, 3-1); 2, Star Of Bladen; 3, Never Ever. 17 ran. Open Mdn II: 1, Always Great (P Pritchard, 8-1); 2, Try For Gold; 3, Vandle. 15 ran.

TEDWORTH (Barbury Castle): Hunt: 1, See You There (M Portman, 2-7 fav); 2, Northern Society; 3, Pipe Down. 4 ran. Rest: 1, Dancing Doris (G Maundrell, 8-4 fav); 2, Columville; 3, Cheerful Kelly. 10 ran. Ladies: 1, Nudge Nudge (Miss E Addison, 50-1); 2, Porteus Pilot; 3, Jody's Boy. 13 ran. Open: 1, Sonofagipsy (M Felton, 5-4 fav); 2, Mr Sponge; 3, Master Butler. 9 ran. Open Mdn: 1, Qual (L Lay, 10-1); 2, Bleidfeld; 3, Celtic Member. 16 ran. Confined: 1, Another Bolus (B Hellemen, 10-1); 2, Forest Stone; 3, Coinage. 8 ran.

EDINBURGH

THUNDERER

2.00 Miss Mah-Jong. 2.30 Moidart. 3.00 Best Appearance. 3.30 Delpiombo. 4.00 Anusha. 4.30 BLUE GRIT (nap).

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.30 Marathia. 4.00 AL MOULOUKI (nap).

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT SIS
DRAW: 5F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.00 CHILD FRIENDLY MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,745: 5f) (4 runners)

1 *IBERIAN MAGIC* Denys Smith 9-0 K Fallon 1
2 0 MONKEY MUSIC 37 J Berry 9-0 J Carroll 2
3 0 STORM REGENT 20 S Woods 9-0 W Woods 4
4 4 MISS MAH-JONG 7 M Johnston 8-9 Dean McKeown 3

11-10 Miss Mah-Jong, 9-4 Monkey Music, 7-2 Storm Regent, 7-1 Iberian Magic.

2.30 WIMPEY HOMES HARLAWHILL GARDENS MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,451: 1m 3f 32yd) (8)

1 243 ABSALOM'S PILLAR 33 J Hetherton 9-0 J Lowe 2
2 55 NICKNAME 24 Mrs J Ramsden 9-0 Raymond Berry 7
3 45 SEVERE STORM 12 P Monteith 9-0 J Carroll 3
4 0-3 MARATHIA 21 S Woods 8-9 W Woods 6
5 60 MOIDART 7 J Fanshawe 8-9 G Duffield 1
6 3 SANTA STELLAR 12 M Johnston 8-9 Dean McKeown 8
7 SWEETWATER MOON Mrs A Swinbank 8-9 J Fortune 4
8 060- TRI MY WAY 223 R Lamb 8-9 J Fanning 5

5-2 Santa Stellar, 3-1 Absalom's Pillar, 4-1 Moidart, 5-1 Nickname, 6-1 Marathia. 20-1 others.

3.00 EDINBURGH GOLD

St Helens thwart Wigan's grand slam bid

Wigan 4
St Helens 10

BY IAN ROSS

AS FAREWELL parties go, this left a lot to be desired. It is perhaps more than a little unfortunate that John Monie's marvellously profitable reign as the coach of Wigan should end on a muted and unfamiliar note but it is unlikely that his contribution to the Lancashire club's success will quickly be forgotten.

In winning rugby league's premiership final at Old Trafford, St Helens not only belatedly rescued an otherwise barren season but they refused to adhere to the script.

The pleasure they will have derived from denying their neighbours an historic grand slam of the sport's five major titles will be immense.

This was a somewhat disappointing finale to a troubled season. St Helens' pressure, and the level of their discipline, was commendable but in their haste to underline what was a comprehensive early supremacy they were too often guilty of surrendering possession.

An often dour battle did not give up its first points until shortly before the interval when Connolly atoned for his earlier indiscretion with a simple try, one which Loughlin failed to convert.

Only after Offiah had been denied a try by Nickle's clear-cut, yet unpunished, piece of obstruction, did Wigan threaten to produce some truly authoritative rugby.

Forshaw's try, set up by Botica, levelled the scores but the latter's conversion attempt struck the face of a post.

The game was to shift irretrievably out of Wigan's grasp once O'Donnell had dispatched two accurate dropped goals after 64 and 69 minutes. The argument was officially ended four minutes from time when Loughlin crossed over for the try which signalled the end of Wigan's improbable dream.

SCORERS: Wigan: Try: Forshaw. St Helens: Tries: Connolly, Loughlin. Dropped goals: O'Donnell (2).

WIGAN: P Atcheson, J Robinson, S Panapa, A Farrar, M Offiah, F Botica, S Edwards, N Cowie, M Dermott, K Skerrett (sub: I Gildart), M Cassidy (sub: M Forshaw), A Farrell, N Clarke.

ST HELENS: D Lyon, M Riley, G Connolly, P Loughlin, A Hunte, T Ropati, G O'Donnell, J Neill (sub: J Griffiths), B Dwyer, G Mann, C Joynt, S Nickle, Sooper.

Referee: J Holdsworth.

Mansell faces up to The Wall of death



Simon Barnes in Indianapolis sees Britain's world champion racing driver in awesome form

There is no question about the dominant personality at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Not Nigel Mansell, who somehow pushed his jet-propelled rhinoceros of a car on to the third row of the grid on this qualification weekend; not even A. J. Foyt, the American who won the Indy 500 for the first time in 1961 and who retired in tears this weekend. No: the dominant personality of the Indy is the wall — or rather, The Wall.

"It's very daunting," Mansell told the American press. "In your language — awesome." The circuit is 2.5 miles long and a pure oval with steeply-banked curves, a bit like the bottom-of-the-range Scalextric set. The top men skim the circuit like speed skaters, in a rhythmic series of high-speed dives for the bottom and hair-raising sweeps towards the wall at the top. The ideal racing line is not quite close enough to shake hands with the fans.

As motor racing goes, it is rather like asking for a drink and getting a pint of Scotch. Well, you wanted a drink, didn't you? As for the drivers, it is a microscopic examination of courage. Here, the fans curl their lips at a lap under 220mph.

That is slower than last year. Modifications to the track have left the qualification times 10mph slower. Hell, these modern drivers cover the 2.5 miles in more than 40 seconds.

Mansell has long lived in the happy state of knowing that his courage will never be seriously questioned. It is his racing nous that gets questioned. His courage can sometimes go to his head. His experience of raw-whisky oval-track racing has been largely confined to a bum-first encounter with the wall: he managed this in Phoenix at around 180 mph.

Mansell has done a good job of laughing this off in his dashing-Spitfire-pilot way. But he showed a bunch of us hacks his operation scars in the motor-home. Awesome. He is not yet fully fit, and he is going to feel this one when the race starts in a fortnight.

But once again he charmed all the American hacks with his nonchalant ways. He is still a happy Nigel out here, away from the arras-stabbers and conspiracy theorists of Formula One. "Mind-blowing," he told them. "It's an education. I'm grateful to Indianapolis Motor Speedway to be a part of this event — because it's *mighty*."

Good old Nige. "This place is so cruel, so cruel," Michael Andretti said. Last year he led for 191 of the 200 laps before his engine conked out. This year, others have already learnt of the remorseless, unforgiving nature of the elephantine concrete courage-tester. Tony Bettenhausen performed an airborne Torvill-and-Dean spin and then whacked The Wall a little bit — "tapped" it, said the *cognoscenti*. That is to say, he walked away from the wreck.

Another driver, Ross Bentley, performed the spectacular feat of leaping from his car covered in invisible flames. He went to hospital with first and second-degree burns. Nelson Piquet, three times F 1 world champion, knows about The Wall: he broke both legs when he walloped it last year. "I was just trying to keep the car off the walls," he said, after qualifying this time.

So many drivers, so many brave men, and also a brave woman called Lyn St James. But courage is the common factor on this circuit. Something else is required to separate the drivers at the highest level of oval-track qualification.

The long day is a kind of poker game, complicated by the fact that cars run faster in the cool. And Saturday was good and warm: high 70s. Advantage to the early starters: Mansell started late.

Qualifications rules are complex. Mansell was able to abort his attempt when he found himself running at a measly 218mph. But in the heat of the afternoon he was lapping at 223mph and had pole position seriously frightened. Impetuous Nige wanted to go for it then and there: but was advised he would be quicker still in the cool of the evening.

He was not. "It was like a different car," he said, complaining of ferocious understeer that had him plunging all over the track, the speed-skater rhythm eluding him. He averaged 220.255mph for his third-row position: creditable enough, but deeply disappointing. Were you impressed by the track, Nigel? "The understeer impressed me. I think it impressed The Wall, too." He said later he could see spectators wincing as he made a dramatically close pass by The Wall on one imperfectly-controlled turn.

And so the raw-whisky/raw-courage test comes down, at the end, to a matter of precision. Precise engineering and precise driving: the one making the other possible. "You can't hustle an IndyCar the way you can a Formula One car," Mansell said. "You have to be perfect."

And it was perfection, not courage, and not tactical nous, that he lacked on the day. All of which left us with the not totally unfamiliar spectacle of Mansell telling the world he could have done better if other people had done better, and it wasn't his fault.

All the same, he lacked the familiar F1 tensions and resentments of the recent past. He is still revelling in his American adventure: the predicted mid-season disillusionment has yet to set in. The Mansell whinge is conspicuously absent in America: he could hardly have been more agreeable.

This year, grid position will be more important than ever on race day, because of the rejigging of the track. The tactics of the race — a dozen tyre changes and the subtle exploitation of "yellow flag" race stoppages — are crucial. These things will separate drivers whose courage is beyond question.

Mansell must perform these delicate manoeuvres at 220mph under the rim of The Wall. The Deathwish, if that is what it is, is still running strong in him. But for most of the boozy, swaggering, straddle-legged, jaw-jutting racegoers — this is Middle America all right — A. J. Foyt was the man of the day. He blubbed his socks off over the public address system, and then set about filling notebooks with quotes. "I just haven't practised much this week 'cos I was feeling bad, and Dr Bock said my potassium was way down," he explained brokenly.

Well, that's it. If your potassium is way down, you simply can't go out and drive, let alone set about racing under the rim of The Wall. Still, there's plenty of potassium left in old Nigel. He's still full of the stuff.



The pain barrier: Mansell, not fully recovered from his recent crash, shows the strain during qualifying for the Indianapolis 500. Photograph: Gary Hershorn

QUALIFIERS

(four 2.5-mile laps)

1, A Luyendyk (Holl), Lola/Ford 2min 40.738sec (223.967 mph); 2, M Andretti (US), Lola/Ford, 2:41.136; 3, R Boesel (Br), Lola/Ford, 2:41.868; 4, S Goodyear (Can), Lola/Ford, 2:41.911; 5, A Unser Jnr (US), Lola/Chevrolet, 2:42.328; 6, S Johansson (Swe), Penske/Chevrolet, 2:43.026; 7, P Tracy (US), Penske/Chevrolet, 2:43.415; 8, N Mansell (GB), Lola/Ford, 2:43.447; 9, E Fittipaldi (Br), Penske/Chevrolet, 2:43.525; 10, R Guerrero (Colombia), Lola/Chevrolet, 2:43.901; 11, S Brayton (US), Lola/Ford, 2:43.907; 12, D Sullivan (US), Lola/Chevrolet, 2:44.063; 13, N Piquet (Br), Lola/Mansrd, 2:45.176; 14, K Cogan (US), Lola/Chevrolet, 2:45.723; 15, S Pruett (US), Lola/Chevrolet, 2:46.056.

Whitaker and Two Step waltz to victory

BY JENNY MACARTHUR

MICHAEL Whitaker brought some cheer to a cold and blustery final day at the Royal Windsor Horse Show yesterday when he and Everest Two Step won the Everest Gentlemen's Jumping, the main show jumping event.

It is only the second time in a long career that Whitaker has won the competition; the first occasion was 16 years ago on Brother Scott when Whitaker was 17.

Yesterday's win, which brought Whitaker's total prize-money at the five-day show to almost £8,000, came after a five-horse jump-off. The two favourites, Whitaker and Nick Skelton on Everest Limited Edition, were drawn fourth and fifth respectively.

"I knew however fast I went Nick would go faster," Whitaker said. "I just had to go fast and make it as difficult as possible for him." Two Step, who Whitaker now feels may be his horse for the European championships in July, responded with a faultless round in 51.18sec.

Skelton duly recorded a faster time, but Limited Edition clipped the third fence to incur four faults. They finished third behind James Fisher on Beau River Queen.

Whitaker, whose wife Veronique won the Ladies Championship on Friday, rates the nine-year-old Two Step as "possibly my best horse yet". The horse, formerly jointly owned by Whitaker and Axel Wockener, of Germany, was sold two weeks ago to Sir Philip Harris, who changed his name from Polydektes to Two Step. Whitaker's policy of taking him slowly on the first two days to save him for the richer classes later in the week paid handsome dividends.

Their win yesterday followed third place in the grand prix on Friday. Whitaker also earned £3,300 on Everest Lifestyle when winning the inaugural Toyota British Horsemaster on Saturday.

RESULTS: Everest Gentlemen's Jumping: 1, Everest Two Step (M Whitaker), 0 faults in 51.18; 2, Beau River Queen (J Fisher), 0 in 55.79; 3, Everest Limited Edition (N Skelton), 4 in 50.72. Toyota British Horsemaster: 1, Everest Lifestyle (M Whitaker), 4; 2, Rockall (M Armstrong), 4; 3, Mandevilles Supreme (W Funnell), 4.

Harrods International Driving Grand Prix Pony Teams: 1, E Fleraclaers (Bel), 161.7, 2, P Gammell (GB), 169.9; 3, U Hinchberg (GB), 185.2. Horse Teams: 1, G Bowman (GB), 135.5; 2, V Stjerndeert (Swe), 150.8; 3, T Eriksson (Swe), 152.9.

FOR THE RECORD

MOTOR CYCLING

SALZBURG: Austrian grand prix: 125cc: 1, T Tsujimura (Japan), Honda, 36min 19.800sec (101.64kph); 2, K Sakata (Japan), Honda, at 0.012sec; 3, D Raudies (Ger), Honda, at 0.158. World championship positions (after five races): 1, Sakata, 105pts; 2, Raudies, 91, 3, Tsujimura, 80. 250cc: 1, D Romboni (It), Honda, 35min 48.648sec (184.486kph); 2, L Capirossi (It), Honda, at 0.062sec; 3, H Bradl (Ger), Honda, at 0.407; 4, L Reggiani (It), Aprilia, at 14.898; 5, M Biaggi (It), Honda, at 15.051. World championship positions (after five races): 1, T Harada (Japan), Yamaha, 105pts; 2, Romboni, 66; 3, Biaggi, 58. 500cc: 1, K Schwantz (US), Suzuki, 39min 15 513sec (192.6kph); 2, M Doohan (Aus), Honda, at 0.433sec; 3, W Rainey (US), Yamaha, at 4.882; 4, A Barros (Br), Suzuki, at 4.954; 5, L Cadalora (It), Yamaha, at 16.550; 6, S Itoh (Japan), Honda, at 22.595. World championship positions (after five races): 1, Schwantz, 111pts; 2, Rainey, 106; 3, D Beattie (Aus), Honda, 72.

RUGBY UNION

INTERNATIONAL: Argentina 30, Japan 27.

BOWLS

EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Bedfordshire 114, Herfordshire 109; Cambridgshire 111, Suffolk 112.

HOME COUNTIES LEAGUE: Kent 124, Bucks 103, Surrey 133, Middlesex 95.

MIDLAND COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Northamptonshire 123, Leicestershire 110; Worcestershire 136, Warwickshire 103.

INTER-COUNTY MATCHES: Oxfordshire 103, Gloucs. 133; Wiltshire 127, Sussex 138

SQUASH

RIO DE JANEIRO: Brazilian Classic: Second round: P Marshall (Eng) bt M Maclean (Scot), 15-6, 15-8, 15-3; R Martin (Aus) bt H Wiens (Ger), 8-15, 15-12, 15-4, 15-5, Jansher Khan (Pak) bt S Parke (Eng), 15-10, 15-5, 15-11; R Norman (NZ) bt P Whitlock (Eng), 15-13, 15-10, 15-8; C Walker (Eng) bt A Adamaga (Sp), 15-13, 15-10, 15-11; B Martin (Aus) bt A Hands (Eng), 15-13, 15-13, 11-15, 14-17, 15-9. Quarter-finals: C Dittmar (Aus) bt Marshall, 15-7, 9-15, 15-8, 15-7; R Martin bt Norman, 15-11, 14-15, 15-7, 15-10; B Martin bt R Eyles (Aus), 13-15, 15-6, 15-9, 15-11; Jansher Khan bt Walker, 15-8, 15-9, 15-13.

BOXING

GLASGOW: WBO championships (12 rnds): Mini-flyweight: Paul Weir (GB) bt Fernando Martinez (Mex), rsc 7th rnd. Fly: Jake Matlala (SA) ko Pat Clinton (GB, holder) 8th rnd. Super-middle: Chris Eubank (GB, holder) drew with Ray Close (GB).

ATLANTIC CITY: IBF junior-welterweight championship (12 rnds, vacant): Charles Murray (US) bt Rodney Moore (US), pts.

TAMPERE, Finland: World amateur championships: Finals: Light-flyweight: N Munchian (Armenia) bt D Petrov (Bul), pts Fly: W Font (Cuba) bt K Akhemedov (Uzbekistan), pts. Bantam: A Christov (Bul) bt J Casamayor (Cuba), pts. Feather: S Todorov (Bul) bt E Carrion (Cuba), pts. Light: D Austin (Cuba) bt L Nicholson (US), pts. Light-welter: H Vinent (Cuba) bt J Kjall (Fin), pts Welter: J Hernandez (Cuba) bt V Karpeciauskas (Lith), pts Light-middle: F Vaslag (Rom) bt A Duvergel (Cuba), pts. Middle: A Hernandez (Cuba) bt A Kuleglu (Tur), pts. Light-heavy: R Garbey (Cuba) bt J Jacobs (Nigeria), pts. Heavy: F Savon (Cuba) wo G Kandelaki (Geo), scr Super-heavy: R Balado (Cuba) bt S Russnov (Bul), prs

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TABLE TENNIS

GOTHENBURG: World team championships: Men: Quarter-finals: China bt Japan, 3-0; Sweden bt Belgium, 3-0; Germany bt South Korea, 3-2; North Korea bt France, 3-2. Semi-finals: China bt Germany, 3-1; Sweden bt North Korea, 3-1. 5-8: South Korea bt Japan, 3-0; Belgium bt France, 3-0. Play-off rounds: 9-16: Czech Republic bt Hong Kong, 3-0; England bt Italy, 3-0 (M Syed bt M Monda, 21-11, 21-12; Chan Xinhua bt M Constantini, 21-15, 21-12; A Cooke bt L Nannoni, 21-9, 21-11); Austria bt Russia, 3-0; Poland bt Romania, 3-1. 41-48: New Zealand bt Wales, 3-1; Trinidad and Tobago bt Mexico, 3-2; Ireland bt Switzerland, 3-2; Ukraine bt Armenia, 3-0. 41-44: Trinidad and Tobago bt New Zealand, 3-1; Ukraine bt Ireland, 3-0. 45-48: Wales bt Mexico, 3-1; Armenia bt Switzerland, 3-2. 49-52: Saudi Arabia bt Georgia, 3-0; Lithuania bt Chile, 3-0. Kazakhstan bt Egypt, 3-1; Portugal bt Scotland, 3-0. Women: Quarter-finals: China bt Taiwan, 3-0; Hong Kong bt Russia, 3-1; North Korea bt Japan, 3-1. South Korea bt Germany, 3-1. Semi-finals: China bt Hong Kong, 3-0; North Korea bt South Korea, 3-1. 3-4: South Korea bt Hong Kong, 3-0. 5-8: Russia bt Taiwan, 3-0; Germany bt Japan, 3-0. 5-6: Russia bt Germany, 3-2. 7-8: Japan bt Taiwan, 3-0. Play-off rounds: 9-16: Hungary bt United States, 3-0; Romania bt Slovakia, 3-0; Sweden bt England, 3-1 (M Svensson bt F Mommesson, 21-12, 21-14; P Petzersson bt A Holt, 21-18, 25-23; A Svensson and M Svensson lost to Holt and L Lomas, 19-21, 21-12, 19-21; Svensson bt Holt, 21-6, 21-15), Holland bt France, 3-1. 13-16: United States bt Slovakia, 3-2; England bt France, 3-1 (A Holt lost to E Coubat, 21-23, 16-21, L Lomas bt A Le Lamac, 21-13, 21-10, Lomas and Holt bt Le Lamac and Coubat, 27-25, 21-15, Lomas bt Coubat, 21-14, 15-21, 21-6) 13-14: England bt United States, 3-0 (N Deacon bt V Sung, 21-12, 21-10, A Holt bt P Rosen, 21-12, 21-18, Holt and L Lomas bt Sung and Rosen, 21-14, 21-15) 41-48: Switzerland bt Mexico, 3-0; Latvia bt Wales, 3-0, Belarus bt Norway, 3-0, Kazakhstan bt South Africa, 3-1 45-48: Wales bt Mexico 3-0; Norway bt South Africa, 3-0. 49-56: Estonia bt Iceland, 3-0; Turkey bt Scotland, 3-1; Bosnia-Herzegovina bt Chile, 3-1, Barbados bt Trinidad and Tobago, 3-1 53-56: Scotland bt Iceland 3-0, Chile bt Trinidad and Tobago, 3-0 53-54: Scotland bt Chile 3-1. 57-64: New Zealand bt Namibia, 3-2. Peru bt Luxembourg, 3-1; Ireland bt Colombia, 3-1, Turkmenistan wo 57-60; Turkmenistan bt New Zealand, 3-0; Peru bt Ireland, 3-0

CYCLING

TOUR OF SPAIN: Final overall positions: 1, T Rominger (Switz), 99hr 07min 03sec; 2, A Zuelle (Swez), at 29sec; 3, L Cubino (Sp), at 8:54, 4, O Rincon (Col), at 9:25, 5, J Monzoya (Sp), at 10:27. 6, P Delgado (Sp), at 11:17.

BEECH MOUNTAIN, North Carolina: Tour DuPont: Leading positions (after nine stages): 1, R Alcala (Mex), 45hr 28min 36sec, 2, L Armstrong (US), at 19sec. 3, A Kivilcwoll (Nor), at 1:22

ROAD RACE: Lincoln grand prix (102 miles): 1, K Reynolds (Banana), 4hr 03min 47sec. 2, T Hall (Ace), at 12sec. 3, S Sutton (Banana), at 13sec.

ATHLETICS

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS: Berkshire: Men: 400m hurdles: D Harbour (Peterborough), 54.3sec. Shot: N Spratley (Reading), 17.04m. Hammer: J Byrne (Windsor, Slough and Eton), 67.58. Women: 100m: M Richardson (Windsor, Slough and Eton), 11.6sec. 200m: S Jacobs (Shaftesbury Barnet), 23.5. Hammer: A O'Conor (Bracknell), 41.22m. Essex: Men: 100m: J Fergus (Brentwood), 10.5sec. Hammer: P Head (Newham and Essex Beagles), 64.58. Javelin: G Jarson (Haringey), 72.04. Women: Discus: D Calloway (Aldershot, Farnham and District), 54.70. Hampshire: Men: 200m: K Akabusi (Team Solent), 21.4sec. Javelin: M Cottrell (Belgrave), 68.56m Women: 5km walk: V Larby (Aldershot, Farnham and District), 13min 31.5sec. High jump: J Jennings (Essex), 1.82m. Kent: Women: Hammer: E Augee (Essex) 56.76m (British record). Middlesex: Men: 200m: H Korjie (North London), 21.3sec. Hammer: P Vivan (Thames Valley), 63.90m. Women: 800m: K Holmes (Middlesex), 2min 04.9sec Triple jump: C Henry (Shaftesbury Barnet), 13.03m. Discus: T Axen (Borough of Hounslow), 50.16. Norfolk: Eastern: Men: Shot: P Reed (Wolverhampton and Bilston), 15.42m. Discus: Reed, 52.64 Surrey: Women: 400m hurdles: C Bleasdale (Epsom and Ewell), 61.4sec High jump: D Mann (Bromley), 1.86m. Sussex: Women: High jump: K Roberts (Brighton and Hove), 1.76m

GOTHENBURG: Half-marathon: Women: 1, R Lemettinen (Fin), 1hr 13mn 30sec; 2, S Rogg (GB), 1:13.47

LYON: Half-marathon: Men: A Mace (Ken), 1hr 01mn 35sec.

GOLF

IRVING, Texas: Byron Nelson Classic: Leaders after three rounds (US unless stated) 199: S Simpson, 65, 66, 68. 200: T Dodds (SA), 69, 67, 64. 201: D Forsman, 65, 64, 72; W Mayfair, 71, 61, 69. 202: J Cook, 67, 68, 67, D A Weibring, 68, 65, 69 203: T Watson, 68, 67, 68, N Price (Zim), 68, 67, 68, D Love III, 68, 66, 69; D Frost (SA), 68, 66, 69 B Lietzke, 71, 62, 70; J D Blake, 69, 69, 65 204: F Couples, 71, 63, 70; P Stewart, 70, 66, 68, C Pavin, 69, 68, 67, L Rinker, 68, 69, 67; D Tewell, 68, 66, 70.

WILMINGTON, Delaware: Women's tournament: Leaders after three rounds (US unless stated): 206: L Davies (GB), 66, 69, 73 209: A Fukushima (Japan), 72, 69, 68; L Merten, 68, 69, 72; G Graham (Can), 65, 69, 74 210: A Dibos, 70, 71, 69, H Stacy, 73, 67, 70, 211: M B Zimmerman, 72, 74, 65, S Steinhauer, 69, 72, 70; P Sheehan, 68, 73, 70; R Walton, 74, 65, 72. 212: H Kobayashi (Japan), 72, 71, 69; J Carner, 70, 73, 69; H Alfredsson (Swe), 74, 68, 70; N Lopez, 73, 69, 70; V Skinner, 70, 70, 72, D Lofland-Dormann, 70, 70, 72. Other British scores: 216: C Pierce, 71, 72, 73 218: P Wright, 75, 73, 70 220: P Johnson, 75, 71, 74

TRIATHLON

ZOFINGEN, Switzerland: Powerman duathlon: Men: 1, M Allen (US), 6hr 19min 41sec. 2, J Evetts (Holl), 6.28.57, 3, C Bruzzles (Bel), 6:29:54. Women: M Tormoen (US), 7.14:49

AUSTRALIAN RULES

AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE: Fitzroy 11.10 (76) bt West Coast Eagles 7.16 (58); Essendon 19.11 (125) bt St Kilda 9.13 (67); Footscray 15.16 (106) bt Carlton 11.12 (78); Collingwood 14.10 (94) bt Hawthorn 10.16 (76); Geelong 19.14 (128) bt Richmond 9.24 (78); Brisbane Bears 33.21 (219) bt Sydney Swans 8.9 (57); Adelaide Crows 19.9 (123) bt North Melbourne 18.13 (121).

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Friday: Chicago Cubs 3, Pittsburgh Pirates 2; Cincinnati Reds 13, Colorado Rockies 5; Montreal Expos 8, New York Mets 7; Atlanta Braves 10, Philadelphia Phillies 7; Houston Astros 9, Los Angeles Dodgers 1; St Louis Cardinals 7, Florida Marlins 2; San Diego Padres 3, San Francisco Giants 1. Saturday: Houston Astros 7, Los Angeles Dodgers 1; Montreal Expos 2, New York Mets 1; Cincinnati Reds 5, Colorado Rockies 3; Atlanta Braves 5, Philadelphia 3; Chicago Cubs 14, Pittsburgh Pirates 5, St Louis Cardinals 0, Florida Marlins 8; San Diego Padres 0, San Francisco Giants 3.

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Friday: Detroit Tigers 4, Baltimore Orioles 3; New York Yankees 8, Toronto Blue Jays 8, Milwaukee Brewers 5, Cleveland Indians 2; Minnesota Twins 4, Boston Red Sox 3; Texas Rangers 0, Chicago White Sox 4, Kansas City Royals 2; California Angels 1; Oakland A's 2, Seattle Mariners 1. Saturday: Minnesota Twins 7, Boston Red Sox 4; Detroit Tigers 5, Baltimore Orioles 3, New York Yankees 4, Toronto Blue Jays 3, Milwaukee 5, Cleveland 9, Oakland 2, Seattle Mariners 1, Texas Rangers 6, Chicago White Sox 4, California Angels 5, Kansas City Royals 3

TENNIS

NOTTINGHAM: Federation Cup: Euro/Africa qualifying matches: Play-offs (winners qualify for finals in Frankfurt from July 19 to 25): Latvia bt Hungary, 2-1; Great Britain bt Turkey, 3-0 (M Javor bt G Guitelin, 6-4, 6-2; C Wood bt I-D Akat, 6-2, 6-3, J Salmon and A Grunfeld bt Akat and Guitelin, 6-2, 7-5). Israel bt Ireland, 2-1 (A Smashnova bt G Niland, 6-4, 6-3; Y Segal bt S Nicholson, 6-3, 6-0, I Bargar and Segal lost to K Nugent and C Curran, 4-6, 5-7). Belgium bt Slovenia, 2-1, Croatia bt Russia, 2-1.

CORAL SPRINGS, Florida: Men's tournament (US unless stated): Quarter-finals: W Macur (Aus) bt P McEnroe, 6-3, 6-2; T Martin bt B Shelton, 6-3, 6-4, D Wheaton bt A O'Brien, 4-6, 6-4, 6-0; A Krickstein bt M Pernfors (Swe), 2-6, 6-1, 6-2. Semi-finals: Wheaton bt Krickstein, 6-2, 4-6, 6-4, Martin bt Macur, 6-4, 7-6

RUGBY LEAGUE

WINFIELD CUP: Western Suburbs 34, Penrith 10; Parramatta 2, South Sydney 15; Cronulla 18, Newcastle 6; Canterbury 21, Manly 12

ACADEMY: Cup final: Hull 12, Warrington 19

BARLA: British Coal grand final: Isborg Celtic 24, Beckbrook 7

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Play-offs: Second round: Eastern Conference: Charlotte Hornets 110, New York Knicks 106 (New York lead best-of-seven series, 2-1); Cleveland Cavaliers 90, Chicago Bulls 96 (Chicago lead series, 3-0). Western Conference: San Antonio Spurs 111, Phoenix Suns 96 (Phoenix lead series, 2-1); Houston Rockets 97, Seattle Supersonics 76 (Seattle lead series, 2-1).

DIVISIONAL CHALLENGE MATCH: Bury Lobos 134, Manchester Giants 135.

ROWING

BEDFORD REGATTA: Single sculls: Open: Rob Roy (Bowles) bt Cambridge 99 (Tracey), 3l, 3min 29sec. Senior two: Abingdon (Smith) bt Tideway Scullers (Gale), 3l, 3:34. Senior three: Kingston (Reil) bt Bedford (Lawrence), easily, 3:38. Women's senior one: Bedford (Taylor) bt Kingston (Mordant), 3l, 4:07. Women's senior three: Twickenham (Fell) bt Nottingham and Union (Wardell), 1¼l, 4.14. Double sculls: Women's open: Staines bt Bedford Star, 3l, 3:38 Coxless fours: Open: Bedford bt Kingston, 1l, 3:04. Senior two: Thames Tradesmen bt Forest/Lea, easily, 3.10. Coxed pairs: Open: Bedford bt Bedford/St Neots, 1l, 3:22. Senior two: Staines bt Surrey University, easily, 3.35 Women's open: Thames Tradesmen bt Bedford/Peterborough, ¾l, no time Women's senior three: Bedford bt Thames Tradesmen, easily, 4.05 Coxed fours: Open: Bedford bt City of Oxford, 2½l, 3.07. Senior one: St Edward's bt Abingdon, easily, no time. Senior two: Kingston bt Thames Tradesmen, ¾l, 3.09. Senior three: Warwick University bt St Edward's, 3¼l, 3:17 Women's open: City of Oxford bt Thames Tradesmen, 1¼l, 3:34. Women's senior two: Bedford bt University College London, easily, 3.44. Women's senior three: Bedford High School bt Thames Tradesmen, 1l, 3.47. Eights: Open: Thames Tradesmen bt Bedford, 2l, 2:43. Senior one: St Edward's bt Abingdon, 1l, 2.44 Senior two: Downing bt Bedford, 2¼l, 2:53. Senior three: Queen's Cambridge bt Brasenose, ¾l, 2:54. Women's open: Bedford bt Thames Tradesmen, 1l, 3:11. Women's senior three: Thames Tradesmen bt Bedford High School, 2½l, 3:23.

GYMNASTICS

CRADLEY HEATH: Rhythmic clubs team championship: 1, City of Coventry, 78.625pts; 2, Otley RGC, 72.675; 3, Castle RGC, Northorn Ireland, 64 000.

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: First division: Cradley Heath 57, King's Lynn 51; Coventry 57, Poole 51; Bradford 56, Ipswich 42; Eastbourne 57, Arena Essex 51

SWINDON: HEAT four-team tournament: Second leg: Swindon 33, Rye House 32, Oxford 18, Exeter 13 Aggregate scores: Rye House 62, Swindon 58, Oxford 42, Exeter 30.

GLASGOW: HEAT four-team championship: Qualifying round, first leg: Glasgow 31, Newcastle 26, Edinburgh 20, Middlesbrough 19.

HOCKEY

IRISH CUP FINAL: Lisnagarvey 1, Avoca 0 (aet).

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE (NHL): Stanley Cup play-offs: Patrick division: New York Islanders 4, Pittsburgh Penguins 3 (Islanders win best-of-seven series, 4-3). Norris division: Toronto Maple Leafs 6, St Louis Blues 0 (Toronto win series, 4-3).

SWIMMING

LECCO, Italy: International meeting: Men: 50m freestyle: M Foster (GB), 23.02sec 100m breaststroke: D Volkov (Russ), time 01.10sec. 200m individual medley: J Rest (GB), 2:05.90.

WEEKEND FOOTBALL RESULTS

Yesterday

Barclays League play-offs

Semi-finals, first legs

First division

LEICESTER	(0)	1	PORTSMOUTH	(0)	0
Joachim 86			24,538		
SWINDON	(3)	3	TRANMERE	(0)	1
Vickers (og) 2 Mitchell 3 Mitchell 27			Morrissey 58 14,230		

Second division

STOCKPORT	(1)	1	PORT VALE	(1)	1
Gannon 5 (pen)			Glover 24 7,556		
SWANSEA	(0)	2	WEST BROM	(0)	1
McFarlane 50 Hayes 62			McFarlane (og) 72 13,917		

Third division

BURY	(0)	0	YORK	(0)	0
			6,620		
CREWE	(2)	5	WALSALL	(1)	1
Naylor 19 39 Clarkson 45 Edwards 50 Ward 83			Cecere 39 6,199		

ALLBRIGHT BITTER WELSH CUP: Final: Cardiff 5, Rhyl 0.

BASS IRISH CUP: Final: Dundalk 0, Shelbourne 1

Saturday

FA Cup Final

(at Wembley)

ARSENAL	(1)	1	SHEFF WED	(0)	1
Wright 27 79 347			Hirst 51		

(replay Thursday at Wembley, 7.30)

Scottish League

Premier division

AIRDRIE	(1)	1	MOTHERWELL	(2)	2
Forbes 25 3 000			Graham 5 O'Donnell 44		
CELTIC	(0)	2	DUNDEE	(0)	0
McStay 46 McAvennie 52			13,436		
DUNDEE UTD	(1)	1	ABERDEEN	(1)	4
Dailly 10 9 078			Bosch 6, 69 Gibson 65 Grant 88		
FALKIRK	(1)	1	RANGERS	(1)	2
McDonnell 13 (pen) 8,517			Mikhailichenko 24 Hateley 67		
HIBERNIAN	(0)	0	PARTICK	(1)	1
5,481			Bryson 35		
ST JOHNSTONE	(1)	3	HEARTS	(0)	1
Torbeson 42 (pen) Curran 71 Bugbee 89			Harrison 62 3 900		

	HOME					AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rangers	44	20	1	0	63	11	13	5	4	45	24	72
Aberdeen	44	13	7	2	41	13	14	3	5	46	23	64
Celtic	44	13	5	4	37	18	11	7	4	31	17	60
Dundee Utd	44	8	7	7	25	27	11	2	9	31	22	47
Hearts	44	12	6	4	26	15	3	8	11	20	36	44
St Johnstone	44	8	10	4	29	27	2	10	10	33	38	40
Hibernian	44	7	8	8	27	28	4	5	13	22	36	37
Partick	44	5	5	11	26	41	7	5	9	24	30	36
Motherwell	44	7	4	11	27	37	4	9	9	19	25	33
Dundee	44	7	4	11	25	34	4	8	10	23	34	34
Falkirk	44	7	5	10	40	39	4	2	16	29	47	29
Airdrie	44	4	9	9	22	27	2	6	12	13	43	29

First division

CLYDEBANK	(1)	4	RAITH	(0)	1
Flannigan 40, 73, 85 Eadie 86			McStay 90 1,088		
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JENNY MACARTHUR

HAEL Whitaker ght some cheer to a cold olustery final day at the Windsor Horse Show day when he and Everest Step won the Everest lemen's Jumping, the show jumping event. is only the second time in ng career that Whitaker won the competition; the occasion was ten years ago Brother Sooty when taker was 17.

sterday's win, which ght Whitaker's share of prize- ey at the five-day show, to ost £8,000, came after a horse jump-off. The two aurites, Whitaker and Nick lton on Everest Limited tion, were drawn fourth fifth respectively.

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All Blacks pose ultimate test of strength



Rob Andrew, the England stand-off, on various challenges facing the British Isles in New Zealand

HISTORICALLY and practically there is no rugby union tour to touch a British Isles visit to New Zealand. The challenge of the All Blacks in New Zealand is irresistible. Historically it is the best: the tour most players want to go on. The roughest, too, and that does not change.

The Australians are the world champions and winning the series there with the Lions in 1989 was far from easy. But it is not the same touring Australia with the Lions. Playing midweek matches against sides like Queensland B and a New South Wales Country XV does not compare with fixtures against Canterbury and Waikato, both of whom we will play in midweek on this tour.

This is British rugby's chance to silence those who say we are still not good enough to beat the best in the world, such as the All Blacks. This is a very experienced party, most of whom have suffered at the hands of the All Blacks over a period of time.

We have gone through the stage of being the whipping boys for the southern hemisphere nations. We have closed the gap bit by bit but we have not quite caught up — yet. We have, however, made significant progress and this is the chance to go and say "we can match you".

For us to be successful our forwards must perform at their best. That is not a back abdicating responsibility, but any back line, however talented, requires a platform from which it can work. In New Zealand, with the hard weather conditions you can experience, it is vital. This back line has the pace and talent to succeed, but we need forwards like Wade Dooley, Mike Teague, Peter Winterbottom and Dean Richards to be at the peak of their game.

Some might have had disappointing seasons by England's standards, but if they pull their games together and take on the All Blacks, that will give the backs a fighting chance.

The forwards changed the course of the series against Australia four years ago. But if you are on the back foot too much against good opposition, especially in New Zealand, you start to struggle. If our forwards can at least hold their own, then there is no doubt we have got the finishing power out wide.

Some people have talked of a supposed lack of pace in our back row as a source of concern, but I do not share that view. There are not many flyers around international rugby. Michael Jones, the New Zealander, is quick but not as quick as he was. We can cope with that.

At this stage, no more than three or four players are sure of a place in the side for the international matches. I have not come here believing that Stuart Barnes is the first-choice stand-off half and many players share my view concerning their own hopes of making the team for the three matches against New Zealand. We start with a clean sheet; what happened in the five nations' championship is gone. I expect there to be a battle royal for international places within this squad and much will be decided by what happens in the first six provincial matches.

Only a fool goes to New Zealand boasting he is going to beat the All Blacks. It will be a tough trip. But if we produce the quality play of which we are capable then at last British rugby could show it has finally caught up with the best southern hemisphere teams.

☐ *Interview by Peter Bills*

SPORT IN BRIEF

Lions arrive ready for first match

WHILE the British Isles settled into their first port of call in New Zealand — Paihia on North Island — three other touring teams gathered for embarkation: England and Scotland left yesterday for, respectively, Canada and the Pacific islands, while Wales leave today for Zimbabwe and Namibia (David Hands writes).

The Lions management hopes to select from the full squad for Saturday's opening game against North Auckland, despite minor afflictions to Tony Underwood (ear) and Wade Dooley (hamstring). Damian Hopley, of Wasps, and John Hall (Bath) confirmed their fitness before they flew out for England's five matches in Canada, while the Welsh have made three amendments to their party: Nigel Walker and Mike Hall, the Cardiff backs, and Nigel Davies, the Llanelli centre, are replaced by Simon Hill (Cardiff), Huw Woodland (Neath) and Roger Bidgood (Newport).

Mechanics edge home

POLO: Mike Rutherford's team, the Mechanics, carried off the opening prize of Cowdray Park's medium-goal season, the Texaco Trophy, when they defeated Anthony Embiricos's Tramontana 6-5 at Ambersham, Sussex, yesterday. At 5-5 the game went into extra time. In the sixth chukka, Tramontana committed a cross that led to a penalty goal for the Mechanics. In the final of the tournament's subsidiary challenge, for the Cicero Cup, Cowdray Park, led by Martin Vidou, of Argentina, overtook Burton Mill's handicap advantage to win 7-6½.

Unlucky thirteenth

TABLE TENNIS: England's women beat France 3-1 and the United States 3-0 yesterday to finish thirteenth in the world championships in Gothenburg. The England men's team beat Italy 3-0 yesterday and can finish as high as ninth if they beat the Czech Republic then win again, today. Before the tournament, both teams would have settled for these positions, given that three players were unable to use "fast" glues and the injuries carried by the men. England's women may have narrowly missed contesting the World Team Cup later this year as the top 12 teams are likely to qualify.

Fisher's nerve holds

GOLF: David Fisher won the English open strokeplay championship for the Brabazon Trophy at Stoneham golf club yesterday. Fisher had closing rounds of 70 and 72, which gave him a total of 277, 11 under par. He won by one shot from Philip Tataurangi, of New Zealand, and by four from Lee James, of Broadstone, and Tim Trodd, of Langley Park. Fisher's main claim to fame until yesterday had been his victory last year in the Open Championship prequalifying tournament at South Herts. His hole in one at Stoneham on Friday had been dismissed as a fluke.

Davies leads by one

GOLF: Laura Davies fended off several challengers to record a 73 in swirling winds and secure the outright lead in the LPGA McDonald's Classic tournament at Wilmington, Delaware, on Saturday. Davies had a three-round total of 208, one shot ahead of Gail Graham, of Canada, Akiko Fukushima, of Japan, and Lauri Merten, of the United States. Graham, the joint leader with Davies after two rounds, dropped three shots at the first hole and was six over par for the day at the turn, but salvaged a round of 74 with birdies at three of the last five holes. Fukushima shot a 68 and Merten a 72.

Nevill ends career with cup success

BY ALIX RAMSAY

MARY Nevill's hockey career had a fairy-tale ending at Milton Keynes yesterday when she and her Leicester team-mates beat Ealing 1-0 to win the AEWHA Cup final. It was not a great match by any means, but for Nevill, the Leicester player-coach, who has hung up her stick for good after 180 international caps and an Olympic bronze medal, the result was all that mattered.

"We've been trying to win something at Leicester for 11 years and now we've finally done it," she said. The goal came after 21 minutes when Kim Gordon was up-ended in one of the few forays into the circle by either side.

She knew she had done enough, however, lying flat on her back and punching the air as the umpire pointed to the spot. Kathy Johnson did the rest. With one goal, Leicester were confident that Ealing would not loosen their grip on the trophy.

However, not even Nevill could muster any real enthusiasm for the quality of the play, describing her side's efforts as "solid and professional". Although they never looked like losing the match, with Johnson marshalling the defence and limiting Ealing to a few haphazard attempts on goal, they never looked like winning it, either.

Neither team showed any flair or imagination and neither side seemed to know the direct route to goal. Much like the other cup final of the weekend, there was a great deal of effort for very little result.

Having been overrun in the first half, Ealing's main hope came after the break through the tenacious work of Anne Green, who tried to work her way through the massed ranks on the right flank, and Mandy Nicholls in the middle, but the chances were scarce. The battle was fought in the centre of the park with neither side allowed the space or time to create coherent moves. Most passes were lost in a flurry of sticks and feet.

But with their eyes glued to the silverware, Leicester, led by Jill Moss, rallied again in the closing stages, and as they closed down the opposition and edged forward again, Ealing were out of contention long before the final whistle.

More worrying for the All-England Women's Hockey Association was the absence of a substantial crowd. Hockey is played by thousands but attended by handfuls. Although the BBC televised the match, it is undecided whether it will return unless the AEWHA can produce good turn-outs for the big events.

Regardless of the shortcomings in the match yesterday, Nevill knows that she has left Leicester well set up with a place in the European Cup Winners' Cup next year. "It's a good basis for a new coach to build on next season," she said.

MARTIN BEDDALL



Decisive tumble: Gordon, of Leicester, is floored by Ealing players to set up the winning goal yesterday

Gale gives bracing finish

BY BARRY PICKTHALL

RICHARD Merriweather and his crew on Commercial Union recaptured the lead of the British Steel Challenge around the world yacht race as the ten-strong fleet closed to within 1,500 miles of the finish at Southampton.

Commercial Union was one of the first yachts to pick up the overnight gale-force south-westerly winds and Merriweather's crew was lifted from fifth to first.

Another to have benefited is British Steel II, which is now 60 miles north of Commercial Union but 240 miles further out in the Atlantic, sailing a longer course.

Her fifth place within the fleet is deceiving, for skipper Richard Tudor has positioned his yacht to make the most of these strong running winds, while those to the east continue to experience lighter conditions.

Kevin Dufficy, a British Steel crewman, said: "If anyone thought this challenge was not a serious yacht race, they should have been in the north Atlantic last night.

"After enduring several days of light winds, a cold front came through to give us winds up to 43 knots. We are now sailing downwind with the spinnaker up and it is a hair-raising ride.

"We have averaged more than ten knots during the past eight hours and put the pressure on our competitors. Whatever the result, we will have tried to the limit of our ability to win."

The winds are now expected to veer round to the northwest, which will strengthen British Steel's position further and possibly lift Tudor and his crew into the lead later today.

At 14:00 yesterday, nine miles was all that divided the top three yachts in terms of distance to the finish, which is remarkable enough, but what Greta Thomas had to report from Nuclear Electric, the overall race leader, was even more extraordinary.

"After more than 4,000 miles and a month at sea since leaving Cape Town, we had our main rival, Group 4 Securitas, off our stern all day on Saturday," Thomas said.

"It is certainly proving a test of nerve out here. Group 4's sighting has focussed minds intently on sailing as fast as possible, as well as add to the enjoyment and excitement."

The calms that locked the fleet last week have delayed the expected arrival of the first finisher to next Monday or Tuesday, and with 116 miles dividing the top nine, these should all reach Southampton within 24 hours.

That will then leave the crew of Heath Insured, who lost 24 hours when searching in vain for Bill Vincent, the crewman lost overboard two weeks ago, to bring the curtain down on this race a day or two later.

Some crews are claiming to be circumnavigators already. Those who have competed on all four legs aboard Nuclear Electric, for instance, crossed their outward track from Southampton to Rio de Janeiro yesterday, but with Mike Golding's crew on Group 4 pulling out a four-mile lead, they had no time to celebrate.

LEADING POSITIONS (at 14:00 GMT yesterday, with miles to Southampton): 1, Commercial Union (R Merriweather), 1,474; 2, Group 4 Securitas (M Golding), 1,479; 3, Nuclear Electric (J Chatenden), 1,483; 4, Rhone-Poulenc (P Phillips), 1,499; 5, British Steel II (R Tudor), 1,549; 6, Pride of Teesside (I MacGillivray), 1,560; 7, Coopers & Lybrand (Vivian Cherry), 1,584; 8, Hofbrau Lager (P Goss), 1,585; 9, Intersprav (F Jeffes), 1,590; 10, Heath Insured (A Donovan), 1,767.

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Sabatini has her day spoilt

STEFFI Graf spoilt Gabriela Sabatini's 23rd birthday by beating the Argentinian 7-6, 2-6, 6-4 to capture her seventh German Open women's tennis title in Berlin yesterday. Sabatini tired in the third set as the German, ranked No 2 in the world, broke her service twice and converted her first match point to win in two hours 18 minutes.

Graf's powerful forehand gave her the edge in the first set, which she took on the tie-break, 7-3. Sabatini took the second set in half an hour, but Graf always looked the stronger in the deciding set.

Jim Courier, the world's No 2 ranked player, overwhelmed Goran Ivanisevic, 6-1, 6-2, 6-2 yesterday to win his second consecutive Italian Open title. The American dominated throughout, playing near-flawless tennis.

HAMBURG RESULTS: Semi-finals: S Graf (Ger) bt M J Fernandez (US), 4-6, 6-4, 6-3; G Sabatini (Arg) bt C Martinez (Sp), 6-3, 4-6, 7-5. Final: Graf bt Sabatini, 7-6, 2-6, 6-4.

ROME RESULTS: Quarter-finals: M Chang (US) bt A Chesnokov (Russ), 6-3, 5-7, 7-5; E Sampras (US) bt G Perez-Roldan (Arg), 6-0, 6-2. Semi-finals: G Ivanisevic (Cro) bt Sampras, 7-6, 6-2; J Courier (US) bt Chang, 6-2, 6-7, 6-0. Final: Courier bt Ivanisevic, 6-1, 6-2, 6-2.

Close encounter exposes Eubank

BY SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT

IF THE hall and the judges were split down the middle about who had won, Chris Eubank was in no doubt he had beaten Ray Close, of Belfast, in Glasgow on Saturday. To suggest that Eubank had lost the World Boxing Organisation super-middleweight title he had defended successfully six times was rather like questioning the superiority of John Wayne over the indians.

Even the fact that he retained his title as a result of a draw came as a surprise to Eubank. How could "Simply the Best" be anything but the best, especially against a substitute opponent?

"How they scored it a draw, I'll never know. I played with him for six rounds," Eubank said, forgetting that points are not awarded for playing around in the ring. However, if you are full of your own importance, it is possible to think that you are winning even if you are not. Realising he was in a minority of one about his assessment of the outcome, he quickly retreated, saying he would give Close an immediate rematch.

"Whether I like it or not, he put a draw on my record and the man deserves a rematch," Eubank said. "I want a rematch in July. I will put the record straight."

So the rematch will be on July 24 in London. B.J. Eastwood, Close's manager, putting Eubank's boast that he could have taken his man out "at any time" to the test, offered the champion more money than he had ever made for one fight to come to Belfast, but Eubank declined. Let us hope, in the rematch, Close leaves behind his supporters, who chanted racial abuse at Eubank.

Eastwood was certain Close had won. "I knew we were going to be robbed and we were robbed," he said. "I've always said we have a man in Belfast for every champion in Britain and we proved that tonight. My man showed up Eubank as a phoney who's been fighting bums."

Close exposed Eubank's lack of technique. The Irishman, who won the European title recently, was quick about the ring, and in and away with scoring punches, forcing Eubank to lunge with wild swings. Eubank, who walks around his home town of Brighton as a light-heavyweight, has trouble making super-middleweight and so does as little as possible, relying on his opponents to do him the favour of walking on to his punches.

Even Eubank's trainer, Ronnie Davies, was depressed. "He didn't box well," Davies said. "I told him so. He was lazy." For six rounds, Eubank did little or nothing and fell back on the scorecards. He woke up around the tenth round, floored Close with a short uppercut in the eleventh, watched his opponent take a long count, and then went to sleep again and let Close finish strongly.

On this performance, Nigel Benn has a good chance of avenging his defeat when he meets his old enemy in September or October. Benn has an extremely high work-rate and, if he can finish on his feet, he should win comfortably.

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Single partner's appeal invalid

Sutherland and Others v Gustar (Inspector of Taxes)

Before Mr Justice Lindsay

[Judgment May 7]

A single partner acting against the wishes of his co-partners could not bring an appeal by way of case stated against a determination by general commissioners of the partnership's income tax liability.

In such circumstances the single partner was not properly to be described as an "appellant" who was "dissatisfied" with the commissioners' determination for the purposes of section 56 of the Taxes Management Act 1970.

Mr Justice Lindsay so held in the Chancery Division in upholding an application by way of notice of motion brought by the personal representative of the late Dr Robert Sutherland, and four doctors who had been in partnership with him, to strike out a case that had been stated by general commissioners for Hertford at the request of a fifth partner, Dr David Barnes, by which he sought to challenge determinations of further assessments to income tax on the partnership for 1976 to 1987.

His Lordship further held that the commissioners' determination of the partnership's tax liability was to be regarded as a proper determination even though one of the three commissioners hearing the matter had not been qualified to take part in the proceedings.

Section 56 of the 1970 Act provides: "(1) Immediately after the determination of an appeal by the commissioners, the appellant ... if dissatisfied with the determination ... may declare his dissatisfaction to the commissioners ..." and may "(2) ... require the commissioners to state and sign a case for the opinion of the High Court thereon."

Mr Jeremy Woolf for the five partners; Dr Barnes in person; Mr Launcelot Henderson for the Crown.

MR JUSTICE LINDSAY said that the doctors had been in partnership and had instructed their accountants to appeal further tax assessments raised on the partnership, the main point of contention being the deductibility of personal expenses. Before the date of the hearing of the appeal the partnership had divided between the five partners and Dr Barnes, that division leading to partnership proceedings in the Chancery Division.

The accountants, by then acting only for the five partners, agreed those partners' expense claims with the Revenue. But Dr Barnes felt that that agreement was too generous to the five partners and he sought, unsuccessfully, at the hearing to have some of the expenses disallowed.

The case for the five partners on their notice of motion was that for the purposes of section 56 Dr Barnes acting alone could not be "the appellant" and could not properly describe himself as "dissatisfied" with the commissioners' determination.

The Crown, relying on sections 5 and 6 of the Partnership Act 1890, supported Dr Barnes' case that he was properly to be regarded as "the appellant". Further they sought to invoke the principle summarised in *Lindley on Partnership* (16th edition p392) that "Any partner may, without the consent of his co-partners, commence proceedings in his and their names". It was obviously convenient, not only in relation to tax affairs but in respect of business generally, that one partner should be capable of being taken by third parties to be acting for a partnership generally where that was what he was purporting to do. But that proposition did not cover the present case. The commissioners and the Revenue knew that Dr Barnes was acting against the wishes and without the consent of his fellow partners.

Dr Barnes had expressed his dissatisfaction and had made the requirement for a stated case not in the partnership name nor in any other manner showing an intention to bind the partnership. In all the circumstances neither the general proposition in *Lindley* nor sections 5 or 6 of the 1890 Act supported the Crown's and Dr Barnes' argument.

It followed that there not been a dissatisfaction declared by "the appellant" nor had "the appellant" required the commissioners to state a case.

A subsidiary issue had arisen as to whether there had been a "determination of an appeal" by the commissioners. One of the three general commissioners who heard the case had in 1989 given leave under section 41(1) of the 1970 Act to a tax inspector to raise the further assessments against the partnership.

Section 41(2) prohibited that commissioner from taking part in the proceedings. However, because of the provisions of section 44(4) of the Act a ruling by general commissioners not properly entitled to hear the case, for example, by not being commissioners for the correct division, was none the less to be treated as a determination capable of being questioned by way of case stated or otherwise.

That being so the notion that a determination by disqualified persons was no determination at all was not to be imported into the provisions of section 56(1).

Solicitors: Hempsons; Solicitor of Inland Revenue.

Running repairs are sufficient

Trustees of the Dame Margaret Hungerford Charity v Beazeley

Before Lord Justice Nourse and Lord Justice Roche

[Judgment April 29]

The landlords of an ancient listed Grade I building who had over the years carried out running repairs to the roof which they knew needed to be replaced were not in breach of the obligation to repair imposed on them by section 11 of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1985.

The Court of Appeal so held when dismissing an appeal by the tenant of the Warden's House, Corsham, Wiltshire, Mrs Patricia Beazeley, from orders made by Judge Boothman on January 4, 1993 in Swindon County Court granting possession of the property to the landlords, the Trustees of the Dame Margaret Hungerford Charity, and dismissing the tenant's counterclaim that the landlords should carry out repairs and for damages.

Section 11 of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1985 provides: "(1) In a lease to which this section applies ... there is implied a covenant by the lessor—(a) to keep in repair the structure and exterior of the dwelling-house ...

"(3) In determining the standard of repair required by the lessor's repairing covenant, regard shall be had to the age, character and prospective life of the dwelling-house ..."

Mr Leslie Blohm for the tenant; Mr Robert Thomas for the landlords.

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE said that Mrs Beazeley and her family had lived in the house, dating back to 1668, since 1978, becoming a protected tenant on the expiry of the contractual term in 1983.

At the trial of the landlords' action for possession, the issue arose as to whether the landlords were in breach of their obligation to keep the roof of the building in repair.

The landlords agreed that a new roof was required. The existing one was some 150 to 180 years old. It was constructed with stone tiles held on wooden pegs. Many of the pegs were rotten, causing tiles to slip.

The judge found (1) that by 1989 the roof was in need of complete repair and the landlords knew of that; (2) thereafter the landlords had carried out running repairs as and when they were notified of a problem to the roof; (3) the landlords had since 1989 been trying to obtain the necessary funding for a new roof but the tenant's opposition to a possession order had made that difficult, and (4) the landlords were not in breach of covenant as far as the roof was concerned.

Mr Blohm submitted that there was a conflict between findings (1) and (4), the former amounting to a finding that there had been a breach of the obligation.

That was wrong. The judge was saying no more than that it would be highly beneficial for the roof to be completely repaired and the landlords knew of that. Especially significant was the judge's reference to section 11(3) of the 1985 Act requiring regard to be had to the age and character of the property.

That provision was in perfect alignment with *Proudfoot v Hart* ([1890] 25 QBD 42), a case more pertinent to the present one than *Murray v Birmingham City Council* ([1987] 2 EGLR 53) on which Mr Blohm relied.

In effect what the judge was saying, and was entitled to say, was: "If I have regard to the age and character of this dwelling I think that the obligation of the landlords under section 11 has been satisfied by their carrying out running repairs as and when they were notified of a problem to the roof, albeit that since 1989 it has become highly desirable that the roof should be completely repaired." The judge had applied the right test and the court could not interfere with his decision.

Lord Justice Roche gave a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Withy King & Lee, Bath; Lawrence Tucketts, Bristol.

No power to order copies

Regina v Dunmow Justices, Ex parte Nash

Before Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Tuckey

[Judgment May 12]

It was not open to justices under the Magistrates' Courts (Advance Information) Rules (SI 1985 No 601) to order that the prosecution provide to the defence copies of allegedly pornographic material seized from the applicant but recourse could be had to their power under section 10 of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 to adjourn the case if disclosure were considered to have been inadequate.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held dismissing an application by Victor Terry Nash for an order of certiorari to quash the decision of Dunmow Justices on July 3, 1992 that they had no power under the 1985 Rules to order the Customs and Excise to provide the defence with copies of video tapes which they had seized from the applicant.

Mr Bernard Richmond for Mr Nash; Miss Clare Montgomery for the Customs and Excise.

LORD JUSTICE WATKINS said that the applicant had contended, *inter alia*, that there was a need to consider the content of the video tapes in detail.

The applicant argued that given that there were 53 tapes involving some 201 hours of viewing it would have been unreasonable to have required him to view them under the means of access which had been offered to him by the prosecution. His Lordship said that a proper exercise of the power of adjournment under section 10(1) of the 1980 Act included an adjournment for the purpose of encouraging the prosecution to make fuller disclosure of evidence for the purpose of enabling the defendant to determine the most appropriate mode of trial.

However, had an application been made under section 10(1) in the instant case it would not have been reasonable to have adjourned the matter given that the nature of the films was plain to see in the written evidence.

Mr Justice Tuckey agreed.

Solicitors: Murdochs, Leytonstone; Solicitor, Customs and Excise.

Seeking order to produce document

Macmillan Inc v Bishopsgate Investment Management plc and Others (No 1)

Before Lord Justice Dillon, Lord Justice Kennedy and Sir Roger Parker

[Judgment May 10]

The test for ordering a witness to produce a document in litigation to which he was not a party was whether the order for production was necessary for disposing of the cause or matter or for saving costs.

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal by the plaintiff, Macmillan Inc, incorporated in Delaware, USA, from the refusal of Mr Justice Millett on December 18, 1992 ([1989] 1 WLR 837) to order Mr Mark Haas, a witness in one of the actions against the defendants, Bishopsgate Investment Management plc (BIM) and other companies, to produce copies of transcripts of his private examination under section 236 of the Insolvency Act 1986.

The judge dealt with the matter on the assumption that a subpoena *duces tecum* had been served on Mr Haas requiring him to produce the documents. Mr Haas had not been served with a subpoena but it was accepted that the proper test for determining the case was that which should apply if a subpoena had been served on him.

The judge, following *R v Cheltenham Justices, Ex parte Secretary of State for Trade* ([1977] 1 WLR 95, 99), refused the order sought by the plaintiffs on the ground that making the order was not necessary for disposing of the action or for saving costs.

The *Cheltenham* case was criticised in *Phipson on Evidence* (14th edition (1990) p125, para 8-05) where it was submitted that "any document may be made the subject of a subpoena *duces tecum* if it is or may be relevant to the conduct of the litigation by the party seeking its production". That formulation was so wide that it would cover any party asking for production of a document merely for the purposes of discovery.

In the present case the requirement as to the saving of costs did not arise. But it was crucial to the making of the order that the order should be necessary for disposing of the cause. The procedure of subpoena was for obtaining evidence, not mere discovery. His Lordship accordingly agreed with the judge's decision.

Lord Justice Kennedy agreed and Sir Roger Parker delivered a concurring judgment.

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Human Rights Law Report

Strasbourg

Compulsion to join union no breach of Convention

Sibson v UK

(Case No 4/1992/349/422)

Before R. Ryssdal, President and Judges F. Matscher, C. Russo, E. Palm, A. N. Loizou, J. M. Morenilla, F. Bigi, Sir John Freeland and M. A. Lopes Rocha

Registrar M-A. Eissen

[Judgment April 20]

Compulsion to join a particular trade union or to move to a different workplace did not give rise to a violation of article 11 of the European Convention on Human Rights.

The European Court of Human Rights so held by seven votes to two.

Article 11 of the Convention provides: "1 Everyone has the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and to freedom of association with others, including the right to form and to join trade unions for the protection of his interests.

"2 No restrictions shall be placed on the exercise of these rights other than such as are prescribed by law and are necessary in a democratic society in the interests of national security or public safety, for the prevention of disorder or crime, for the protection of health or morals or for the protection of the rights and freedoms of others.

"This article shall not prevent the imposition of lawful restrictions on the exercise of these rights by members of the armed forces, of the police or of the administration of the state."

From November 1973 Mr Sibson, who was born in 1929, was employed by Courtaulds Northern Spinning Ltd as a lorry driver, based at their depot at Greengate, Lancashire. His terms of employment specified that he had the right to be a member of no trade union and, at the relevant time, no closed shop agreement was in existence at that depot. In July 1985 a complaint by the applicant, relating to an accusation of misappropriation of union funds allegedly made against him by a fellow driver, Mr D, was dismissed by the branch adjudication panel of the Transport and General Workers Union (TGWU).

Being dissatisfied with that decision, the applicant resigned his membership of that union and joined the United Road Transport Union instead. Thereupon some of the drivers at Greengate ostracised him and others obstructed him in his work.

Courtaulds then attempted, unsuccessfully, to resolve the dispute. In October 1985 the TGWU members at Greengate threatened to strike unless the applicant either rejoined that union or was employed elsewhere.

On November 8, at the last of a series of meetings, the applicant refused to rejoin the union since he declined to accept as an apology a statement to be signed by Mr D.

He also declined Courtaulds' proposal that he should move to Chadderton depot since he considered, although the personnel manager had assured him that it would not be so, that the conditions there would be less advantageous and involve a reduction in his income. On the same day the applicant, who had been told by his employers that he would be sent home without pay if he reported for work at Greengate, resigned.

On July 21, 1986 the industrial tribunal upheld a claim by the applicant that he had been constructively dismissed and that that dismissal had been unfair. In its view, the request that he change depot was not reasonable since it was not made for genuine operational reasons and the whole basis of his dismissal was his exercise of his right not to belong to a trade union. On appeal by Courtaulds, that decision was upheld by the Employment Appeal Tribunal ([1987] ICR 329).

However, on Courtaulds' further appeal, the Court of Appeal held ([1988] ICR 451) that there had been no constructive dismissal and that the applicant had to be considered as having resigned. It found that, in requiring him to change depot, Courtaulds had been within their rights, there being an implied term in his contract that, whether or not there were genuine operational reasons, he could be directed to work anywhere within reasonable daily reach of his home.

On August 19, 1988 the applicant was refused legal aid to pursue an appeal to the House of Lords in view of counsel's opinion that there were no reasonable prospects of success.

The European Commission of Human Rights declared Mr Sibson's application of October 17, 1988 admissible on April 9, 1991.

Having attempted unsuccessfully to secure a friendly settlement, the Commission drew up a report on December 10, 1991 establishing the facts of the case and expressing the opinion, by eight votes to six, that there had been no violation of article 11 of the Convention.

The Commission referred the case to the Court on February 21, 1992.

In its judgment, the European Court of Human Rights held:

I Government's preliminary objections

The government pleaded that on two grounds Mr Sibson had failed to exhaust domestic remedies, as required by article 26 of the Convention, and that his application was consequently inadmissible.

The first of those was that Mr Sibson had not claimed in the domestic proceedings that his conditions of employment at the Chadderton depot would have been less favourable than those at the Greengate depot. The government maintained that that argument, if it had been held to be well-founded, would have had a significant impact on the decision of the domestic courts.

The second was that in the domestic proceedings, Mr Sibson had not contended, as an alternative to his plea of unfair dismissal, that he had been subjected to action short of dismissal and so had decided to forgo any right to compensation if the domestic tribunal should have held that he had not been dismissed.

The Court noted that the case involved no direct interference on the part of the State. If the matters complained of by Mr Sibson constituted an infringement of his rights under article 11 of the Convention, the responsibility of the State would nevertheless be engaged if that infringement resulted from a failure on its part to secure those rights to him in its domestic law.

It seemed to the Court that both the government's preliminary pleas raised issues which were closely linked to those which would have to be examined if it proved necessary to determine whether there had been such a failure. The Court therefore joined them to the merits.

II Article 11 of the Convention

In the Court's opinion, the facts of the instant case were such that it could be distinguished from the *Young, James and Webster* case (Judgment of August 13, 1981, Series A No 44).

The Court noted in the first place that Mr Sibson did not object to rejoining the TGWU on account of any specific convictions as regards trade union membership, and did in fact join another trade union instead.

It was clear that he would have rejoined TGWU had he received a form of apology acceptable to him and so his case did not have to be considered in the light of articles 9 and 10 of the Convention which guarantee, respectively, the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion, and the right to freedom of expression.

Furthermore, the present case was not one in which a closed shop agreement was in force. Above all, unlike the applicants in the case of *Young, James and Webster*, Mr Sibson was not faced with a threat of dismissal involving loss of livelihood: he had the possibility of going to work at the nearby Chadderton depot, to which his employers were contractually entitled to move him.

That possibility was not conditional on his rejoining the TGWU and it was not established that his working conditions there would have been significantly less favourable than those at the Greengate depot.

Having regard to those various factors, the Court reached the conclusion, Judges Morenilla and RUsso dissenting, that Mr Sibson had not been subjected to a form of treatment striking at the very substance of the freedom of association guaranteed by article 11 of the Convention.

There had accordingly been no violation of that provision, nor was it necessary to rule on the government's preliminary objections.

Cyprus homosexual law violates freedom

Modinos v Cyprus

(Case No 7/1992/352/426)

Before R. Ryssdal, President and Judges F. Matscher, R. Bernhardt, A. Spielmann, I. Foighel, F. Bigi, Sir John Freeland, A. Baka and *ad hoc* Judge G. Pikis

Registrar M-a. Eissen

[Judgment April 20]

The European Court of Human Rights held, by eight votes to one, that the prohibition under Cyprus law of male homosexual conduct in private between adults constituted a violation of article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights.

Article 8 of the Convention provides: "1 Everyone has the right to respect for his private and family life, his home and his correspondence.

"2 There shall be no interference by a public authority with the exercise of this right except such as is in accordance with the law and is necessary in a democratic society in the interests of national security, public safety or the economic well-being of the country, for the prevention of disorder or crime, for the protection of health or morals, or for the protection of the rights and freedoms of others."

The applicant was a homosexual who was involved in a sexual relationship with another male adult. He was the president of the liberation movement of homosexuals in Cyprus. He stated that he suffered great strain, apprehension and fear of prosecution by reason of the legal provisions in Cyprus which criminalised certain homosexual acts.

Having attempted unsuccessfully to secure a friendly settlement, the European Commission of Human Rights drew up a report on December 3, 1991, in which it established the facts and expressed the unanimous opinion that there had been a violation of article 8 of the Convention.

In its judgment, the European Court of Human Rights held:

I Article 8 of the Convention

A Interference

The government had submitted that neither the applicant nor any other person in his situation could be prosecuted under the relevant provisions of the criminal code, since, to the extent to which those provisions concerned homosexual relations in private between consenting male adults, they were in conflict with the Constitution and the Convention.

The Court first observed that the prohibition of male homosexual conduct in private between adults still remained on the statute book.

Moreover, the Supreme Court of Cyprus in the case of *Costa v The Republic* considered that the relevant provisions of the criminal code violated neither the Convention nor the Constitution notwithstanding the European Court's judgment of October 22, 1991 in *Dudgeon v The United Kingdom* (1991 Series A No 45).

The Court considered that, whatever the status in domestic law of those remarks, it could not fail to take into account such a statement from the highest court of the land on matters so pertinent to the issue before it.

Moreover, the Attorney-General's policy of not bringing criminal proceedings in respect of private homosexual conduct on the basis that the law was a dead letter provided no guarantee that action would not be taken by a future Attorney-General to enforce the law, particularly when regard was had to statements by government ministers which appear to suggest that the relevant provisions of the criminal code were still in force.

Against that background, the Court considered that the existence of the prohibition continuously and directly affected the applicant's private life and that there was therefore an interference.

B Justification under article 8.2

The government limited their submissions to maintaining that there was no interference with the applicant's rights and did not seek to argue that there existed a justification under article 8.2 of the Convention for the impugned legal provisions.

In the light of that concession, and having regard to the Court's case law, it was considered that a re-examination of that question was not called for.

Accordingly the Court held, Judge *ad hoc* Pikis dissenting, that there was a breach of article 8 of the Convention.

II Article 50

A Damage

The Court considered that in the circumstances of the case, the finding of a breach of article 8 constituted sufficient just satisfaction under this head for the purposes of article 50.

B Costs and expenses

The Court held that the applicant should be awarded £4,000 in respect of fees, together with the full amount claimed by way of expenses.

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LONDON CITY AIRPORT

Ray of light at the end of a tunnel

The Limehouse Link is a dream come true for London City Airport's managers.

Harvey Elliott explains why

When the first cars pass through the 1.5 kilometre Limehouse Link tunnel under London docklands today, Bill Charnock, managing director of London City Airport, will breathe a sigh of relief. After five frustrating years, the City of London will at last be no more than a 15-minute drive away from his beloved airport, built with such high hopes on the former Royal Group of docks.

London City Airport was conceived as a revolutionary way of enabling businessmen from Britain and mainland Europe to reach the heart of the capital in a fraction of the time it would take them to fly in via Heathrow.

Turning that idea into reality, however, has cost Mowlem, the owner of the airport, up to £50 million in building and operating fees — an amount that some observers said could never be recouped. Yet, Mr Charnock, the managing director of London City Airport, is convinced that London City will break even and could even begin returning a small profit within two years. "Now that the direct road link to the city is open, our biggest difficulty has been overcome," he said. "Access had always been a problem. Although the airport is close to the city, it did not appear to be so and to many people the journey through the East End of London made it appear inaccessible. Now all that is in the past and we can, at last, begin to take on Heathrow as the natural business airport for central London."

Despite all the problems which have beset the airport in the past five years, there is evidence of an upward trend. For 11 successive months there has been a substantial growth in the number of passengers using the airport. Last month there was a 32 per cent increase compared with April 1992 — 21,502 passengers passed through the airport last month. This represents an annual turnover of 210,000 passengers, still well below the 400,000 a year which, it is estimated, the airport needs to be able to begin making money.

Suddenly, however, that does not look impossible. Despite the lack of a strong British airline at the airport, six carriers now operate 23 flights a day and another five are committed to flying a further 17 flights a day by the beginning of September.

"We are also in serious negotiations with a whole range of airlines who have expressed an interest in coming in and I have every reason to believe we shall increase that number still further very soon," Mr Charnock said.

Once the breakthrough is made, he says, other myths about the airport will be dispelled. Many airlines, for example, have produced research which shows that businessmen do not travel from their offices to an airport for a European flight, they go direct from home. For them, the larger airports of Heathrow and Gatwick, with their more frequent flights, are far more attractive.

"Whatever they say, the fact that it is now possible to be at the airport within 15 minutes and airborne within half an hour has to be attractive," Mr Charnock said. "We are also the obvious airport for tens of thousands of people who live in central London, north London and the M11 corridor into Essex."

Since Brymon pulled out in March — put under pressure by its new links with Birmingham — the Belgian airline, Sabena, and Air France have taken up much of the vacant capacity. Air France now flies six times a day to Paris and Sabena four times a day to Brussels.

Sabena is so convinced that the new road will make the airport more attractive to business travellers that it has introduced a "Business Express" service, including free black cab transfers to and from the airport within a ten-mile radius.

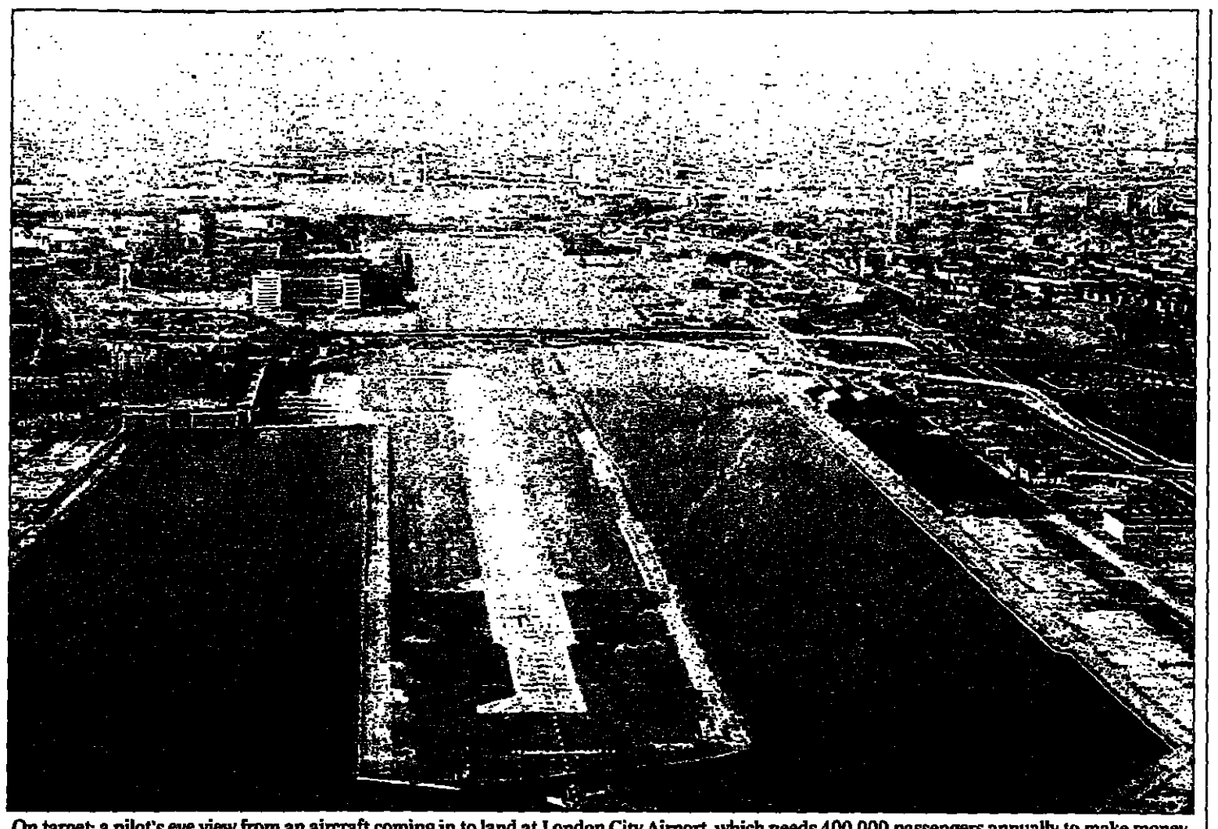
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Many other smaller airlines — such as Business Air, Business City Direct, Titan and VLM — have well-developed plans to operate to Frankfurt, Dublin, Amsterdam, Belfast and Antwerp while a new niche carrier, Jettair, has announced it intends to begin services between London City and Liverpool by the end of the year.

For the businessman, the spacious terminal — often derided as the biggest empty space in London — with its bureau de change, some of the best food in town, conference rooms, secretarial, facsimile, telephone and other business facilities, is now the only way of getting quickly from a desk in the city to a meeting in mainland Europe.

Fares, admittedly, are high. There are few, if any, low-priced leisure fares available because of the high cost of running the purely business-orientated operation. However, London City Airport is not out to woo leisure traffic. Instead it hopes to persuade businessmen working in central London to use the airport as they would their local tube or train station.

It is a message which has been hard to get across, mainly because the old road links have taken top-level executives through some of the heaviest traffic and most run-down parts of the city. The opening of the Limehouse Link could be the catalyst the airport has been waiting for.



On target: a pilot's eye view from an aircraft coming in to land at London City Airport, which needs 400,000 passengers annually to make money

Dockland bankers risk £1bn

The regeneration of London's Docklands, masterminded since 1981 by the London Docklands Development Corporation (LDDC), represents one of the largest such programmes to have been undertaken in Europe. It is a success story, which, according to John Major, the prime minister, has already outstripped all government expectations. *Bob Papworth writes.*

By 2001, according to the LDDC, the 8.5 square mile urban development area will be home for 110,000 people, the equivalent of a city the size of Oxford. Commuters travelling into the area to work will boost the population to some 200,000.

On the occasion of the LDDC's tenth anniversary, the prime minister, in his foreword to a celebratory brochure, was keen to extol the virtues of the project. He wrote: "The LDDC has built up a tremendous momentum of regeneration. It has assembled and prepared land for new development: secured the transport and other services needed to serve new homes and businesses; and helped and encouraged other public and voluntary agencies to improve housing, health, education, cultural and community facilities.

"The private sector has responded in full measure to the new climate of recovery and growth. New residents, new jobs and new investment have flowed back. We are particularly pleased at the transformation of the opportunities for the local community. Already, the results far exceed our original expectations, and justify the investment in that vision of regeneration. I believe that the regeneraiton of London Docklands will help ensure London maintains its position among the world's greatest cities."

Indeed, in spite of some notable failures in recent years, most of the cash for the programme has come from the private sector. Latest LDDC figures show that £1,350 million in public money has helped to pull in an estimated £9,100 million from the private sector to develop 43 million square feet of projects.

Gateway takes wing with broad new horizons

Crossair's summer introduction of a new British Aerospace jet has great significance

Crossair, the Swiss regional airline, will this summer make a little piece of history at London City Airport when it introduces another aircraft type to the Docklands gateway, *Bob Papworth writes.*

At present, Crossair flies British Aerospace 146 jets on its routes between City airport, Geneva and Lugano, but last month the carrier became the launch customer for BAe's latest variation on the Whisperjet theme, the Avro RJ85. Crossair has ordered four, to be introduced to routes out of City airport "in the next few months".

The new aircraft (the "RJ" stands for Regional Jetliner) is, to all intents and purposes, a smaller version of the BAe 146. Seating capacity is down to about 80, and the range, at just over 900 miles, is less than for the 146.

From City airport's viewpoint, the RJ85's debut is important because it demonstrates the airport's accessibility to what looks like becoming a range of jet aircraft. When City airport opened for business in October 1987, one of the conditions attached to its operation was that it could be used only by 46-seat de Havilland Dash-7s, or similar aircraft.



BAe RJ85: making a debut at City airport this summer

This condition was in part due to a need to operate within strict noise limits, which required a very steep approach, but was also determined by the length of runway, which at first was just 762 metres.

While the propellor-driven Dash-7s fitted the bill, the need for much faster, and more economically viable, jet aircraft quickly became apparent. Passengers' time saved on the ground by using City airport was being lost in flight. The Dash-7's range, 400 miles, was another handicap.

The BAe 146, coupled with the extension of the runway to 1,199 metres, changed all that.

The 146's range extended City airport's sphere of operation to include all leading European centres. The aircraft speed — the BAe 146 and its RJ85 derivative cruise at about 500mph, compared with the 300mph of even the most modern turboprops, made City airport considerably more user-friendly.

The extension of the runway and an associated reduction of the required angle of approach coincided with rapid growth in the demand for, and development of, a vast range of "regional" turboprop aircraft capable of operation within City airport constraints.

The ATR-42 for example, as used at City airport by Air France, is the result of Franco-Italian co-operation. The twin-engined turboprop, which seats up to 50 passengers and has a range of just over 1,000 miles, first went into commercial service with French regional carrier Air Littoral in 1985, since when it has gained a slightly larger sister, the 72-seat ATR-72.

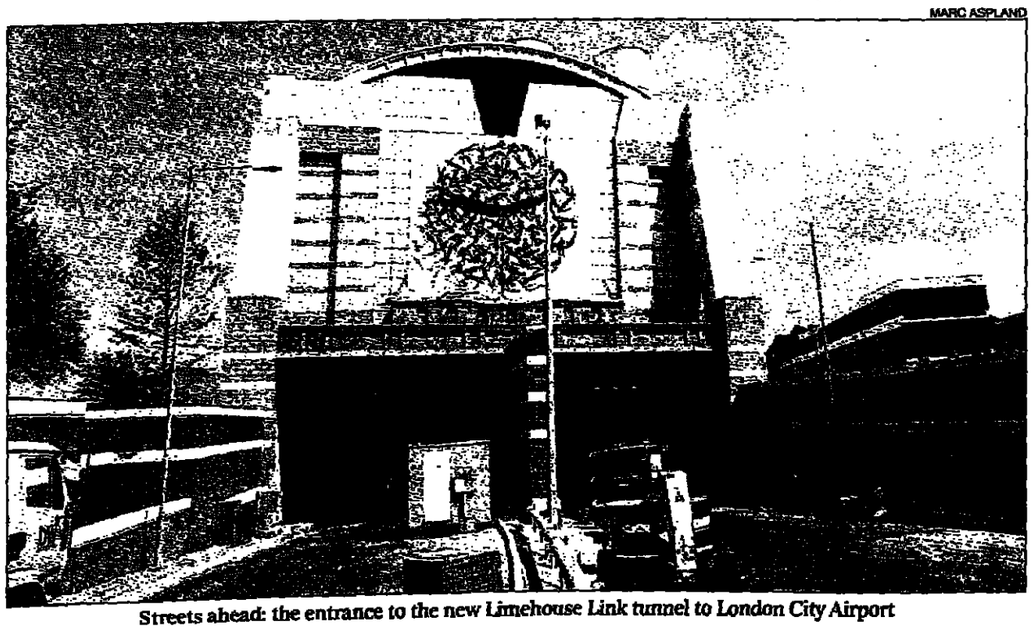
The Canadian-built de Havilland Dash-8, which carries about 50 passengers, is a twin-engined aircraft with a range of just under 1,000 miles, although an extended-range version is available.

Dutch planemaker Fokker used the airframe of its old F27 Fokker Friendship as a basis for the new F50, which first saw commercial service with German carrier, DLT, in 1987. The twin-engined turboprop, which normally seats 50, has a range of around 1,200 miles.

The Saab 340, built in Sweden, celebrated its tenth anniversary at the beginning of this year. The twin-engined turboprop has a range of just over 1,000 miles with its normal load of 35 passengers.

Docklands finds missing Link

MARC ASPLAND



Streets ahead: the entrance to the new Limehouse Link tunnel to London City Airport

The new Dockland highway puts the City airport within easy reach

The opening of the Limehouse Link today should bring an end to the long-running complaints about road access to London City Airport. However, while the completion of the Limehouse to Leamouth stretch will cure many a motoring headache, access improvements are far from finished.

The mile-long Limehouse Link tunnel completes a Docklands highway from the City of London, past City airport, to the A406 and thence to the M11 and M25. The London Docklands Development Corporation estimates that the highway will carry about 5,000 vehicles an hour at peak times.

The City airport takes further encouragement by the opening towards the end of the decade of the east London river crossing — the massive bridge over the Thames downriver carrying the A406 south to the M2, M20 and southern M25.

Access problems for Docklands were quickly appreciated by the LDDC, whose regeneration scheme depended to a large degree on an efficient road system.

When the LDDC was founded, the existing east-west route, the A13, consisted of just two lanes and was already severely congested. It also marked the northern boundary of the urban development area and so by-passed, rather than served, the area.

The Dockland highway runs south of the A13, from Wapping in the west through Poplar to the north of Canary Wharf to link with the A13 — which is in turn being improved and upgraded by the transport department.

From that junction, according to the LDDC, the M11/M25 intersection is 30 minutes' drive away, with Stansted Airport 15 minutes further on. More important, as far as City airport is concerned, is that from that same junction, the multi-lane Lower Lea crossing, which opened in December 1991, brings traffic to the doorstep of the terminal building. The Limehouse Link, therefore, is the final piece in the Dockland highway jigsaw.

In the north and east of the airport, new and improved roads lead to the intersection of the A13 and the A406 link to the M11/M25, the "Cambridge corridor". The opening of the east London river crossing will also bring most of Kent into the airport's catchment area.

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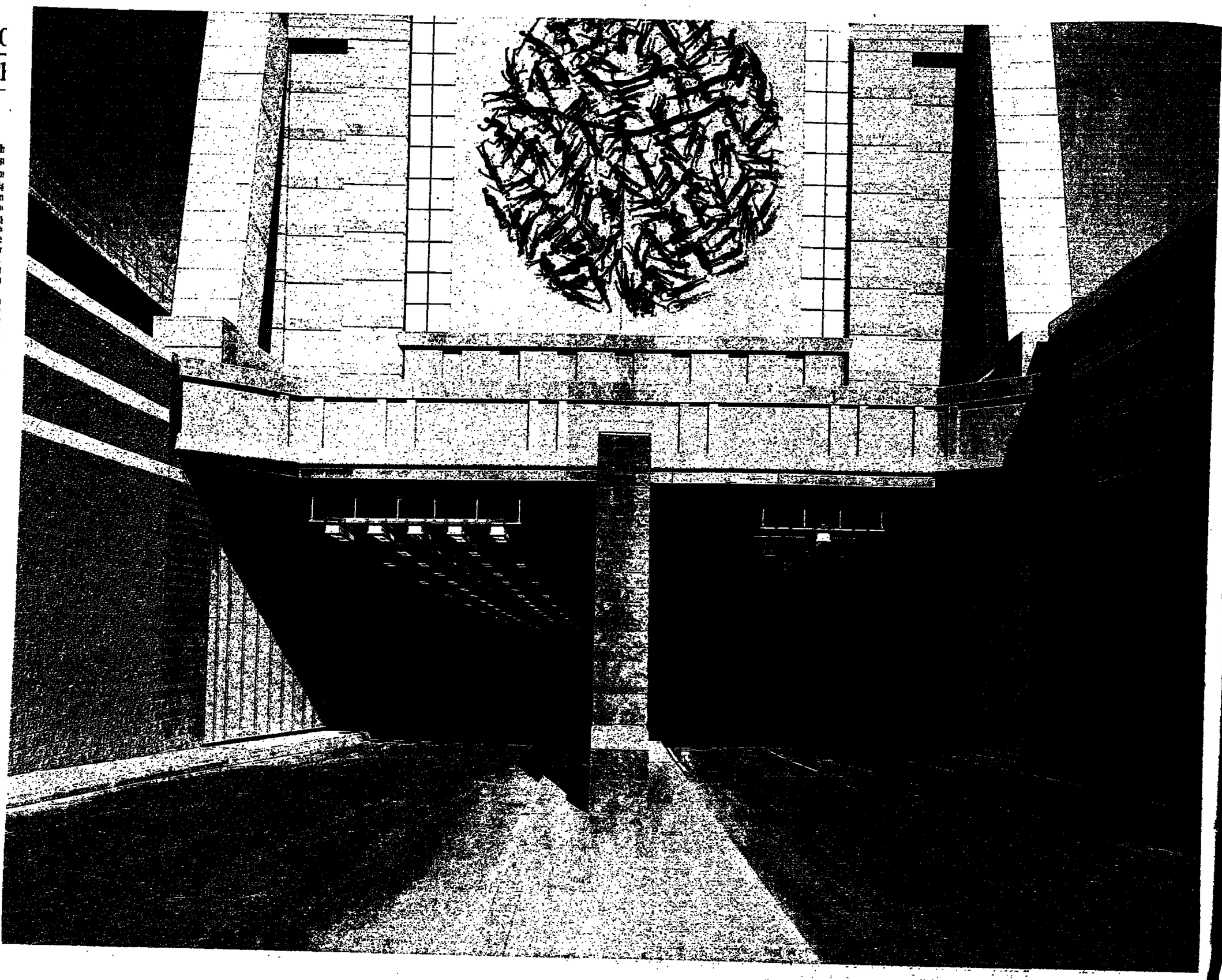
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Expanding into Europe

Bob Papworth on the variety of destinations now available from City airport



Banking into the City: Business Air's new Bank Shuttle service from Frankfurt comes in over Tower Bridge to land in Docklands

The surprise decision of City Air Scandinavia to abandon London City Airport, after operating a daily flight to Stockholm's downtown Bromma Airport, may have come as a blow to London's airport management, but other airlines' expansion plans provide consolation.

Starting today, VLM, the independent Belgian airline, is to launch a new service to Antwerp. The airline will operate four flights each weekday, with two round-trips on offer on Sundays, at fares starting from £125.

Although Paul Moor, of Total Mobility, VLM's UK general sales agent, emphasises that the service is aimed primarily at business travellers, the carrier is offering price incentives for leisure travellers. Children pay half the adult tariff, and there are free flights for travellers under 18 or over 60 if they are accompanying a full-fare passenger.

In June, Amsterdam is set to rejoin City airport's roster of destinations when Flexair starts four services a day during the week (one on Sundays) to Schiphol. The airline already operates four flights each weekday to Rotterdam, using German-built Dornier 228 aircraft with 16 seats. Fares start at £124 for a Supersaver return, to £248 for an unrestricted business class ticket.

Taking advantage of City airport's jet access, the Scottish regional airline, Business Air, has announced that it is to launch the first operation between Docklands and Frankfurt, using British Aerospace 146 "Whisperjet" aircraft and starting at the end of August.

With a target of 30,000 passengers in its first year on the route, the carrier will initially operate one round trip each weekday.

Business Air, which is 31.9 per cent owned by the Swiss carrier, Crossair, has spent six years building up a scheduled network which embraces Aberdeen, Dundee, Edinburgh, Manchester, and East Midlands airports, and Esbjerg in Denmark.

Crossair, one of Europe's most successful regional airlines, has two flights each weekday to Zurich, one of which then goes on to Lugano. Crossair's single Sunday round-trip incorporates both Swiss cities.

The cheapest readily-available fare is a low-season, midweek, SuperPex at £218 for a round trip to Zurich (£273 to Lugano). The full business class tariff is £364 return to Zurich (£414 to Lugano).

One week after Business Air's start-up, the new Irish airline, Business City Direct (BCD), is to provide City airport's first link with Dublin.

BCD will offer an upmarket business class service on five round-trips a day from Monday to Thursday, six on Friday, two on Saturday and one on Sunday.

Owned by a group of Dublin businessmen with no other airline interests, the carrier will have a very narrow focus. Its sole reason for operating is to offer services between the Irish capital and London City.

The Stansted-based Titan Airways hopes to break into the scheduled service market with a City airport-to-Belfast operation starting in September. Titan had wanted to start its service last month, but has had to postpone the launch to meet Civil Aviation Authority requirements. From September 1, however, the airline will operate two flights each weekday, with fares starting at £149 return.

Cologne-based Conti-Flug, which launched City airport-to-Berlin Tempelhof services in October last year, has recently re-timed its twice-daily scheduled service to give a longer business day in Berlin and to tie in with onward flights to Venice. Flights now leave City airport at 9.10am and 6pm, the latter also operating on Sundays. The cheapest Conti-Flug charge to Berlin is a new £124 economy return, while prices from London to Venice (on Thursdays and Fridays) start at £229.

Air France, the biggest airline serving City airport, operates six flights a day, Monday to Friday, plus one Sunday round-trip to Charles de Gaulle airport, Paris. The French national carrier offers a Eurobudget fare of £180, although that is restricted to certain departure times.

In response to British Airways' London-Paris pricing initiatives, Air France is holding its Le Club business class return fare to £240. From July 1, that tariff will apply to a three-day return ticket, with the unrestricted business class fare going to £318.

Sabena offers four round-trips to Brussels each weekday, with one service operating on Sundays. Fares range from a midweek SuperPex return fare of £121 (£131 at weekends) up to an unrestricted business class return of £304. In addition to its Eurobudget fare of £258 return, Sabena also offers a Eurobudget Excursion fare at £198 return.

CONSTRUCTION GROUP PREDICTS AIRPORT PROFITS AFTER 1995

Mowlem puts end to sale speculation

Far from rushing to sell all or part of its 90 per cent stake in London City Airport, the construction group John Mowlem now seems determined to hang on to its struggling subsidiary in the belief that it will begin to see a return on investment by 1995, writes *Bob Papworth*.

Air transport industry sceptics, who have regularly branded the Docklands gateway a white elephant, have long been convinced that Mowlem was simply allowing a decent interval before divesting itself of the loss-making airport. Their speculation was heightened last year when the group advertised its willingness to talk to potential bidders from Europe, North America and the Far East.

The construction giant now says that it had never planned to offload the airport. "We have never said that we were seeking to sell," a spokesman said.

"Last autumn, we did receive two unexpected expressions of interest, and the company felt it was necessary to broaden the base to see if there were any other would-be buyers out there. As a result, we have had a number of statements of interest, but nothing substantial enough for us to follow up. There are still a couple of people in the frame, but nothing has been taken any further."

Sir Phillip Beck, Mowlem chairman, has made clear that he would not consider selling a majority stake in the airport unless the new owners pledged to manage it in "a way that we thought was appropriate to London City".

The six-year-old airport has so far cost Mowlem up to £50 million, but the company is convinced that many airline operators have been waiting for the completion of the access network before moving in.

The opening of the Limehouse Link completes that network, and business is now expected to grow rapidly, reaching break-even point by 1995.

Docklands ready for big take off

Today's opening of the £340 million Limehouse Link, the final piece of London City Airport's access road jigsaw, will not only cut travelling time from the City of London to the Docklands, but also help to highlight the airport's ease of access generally.

William Charnock, the managing director of London City Airport and now chairman of the international Conference of City Airports group, believes the publicity afforded by the new road will have an unquantifiable spin-off. "While the Limehouse Link will cut the journey time from the City to 10 or 15 minutes, that one road will have a huge impact on the general perceptions of the ease of access to the airport."

That in turn should help increase the number of passengers using City airport. The latest monthly statistics show that the airport is handling around 60 per cent more passengers than a year ago, with a annual total estimated at around 200,000. Even the temporary loss of City Air Scandinavia, whose services between Docklands and Stockholm's Bromma Airport were suspended after a licensing mix-up, cannot alter City airport's chief's ebullience.

> Today sees a new road to riches opened

"When we were doing our budgets for the year, we had the feeling that City Air Scandinavia might not be with us at all, so we did not include them in our figures. Now the new owners have stepped in, and although they will not be operating during the summer months, they do plan to relaunch in the first week of September," he says.

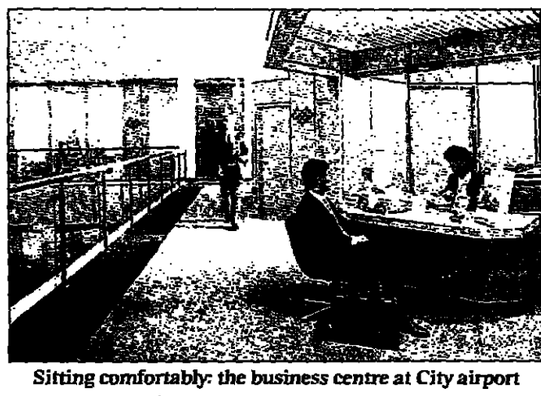
A further boost for passenger totals should come from the leisure market. Although Charnock insists that City airport will always be predominantly business-orientated — 97 per cent of passengers using the airport do so on business — he is keen to promote its potential as a holiday airport.

This month's meeting of the Association of British Travel Agents' aviation committee was held at the airport, which is holding a travel industry "open day" next month. "We have begun to see a big increase in weekend traffic, particularly coming in from Europe," Mr Charnock says. "We want to demonstrate that we are just as capable of processing a leisure traveller in 10 minutes as we are of dealing with a business traveller." Talks are being held for ski flights for next winter and for holiday flights next summer.

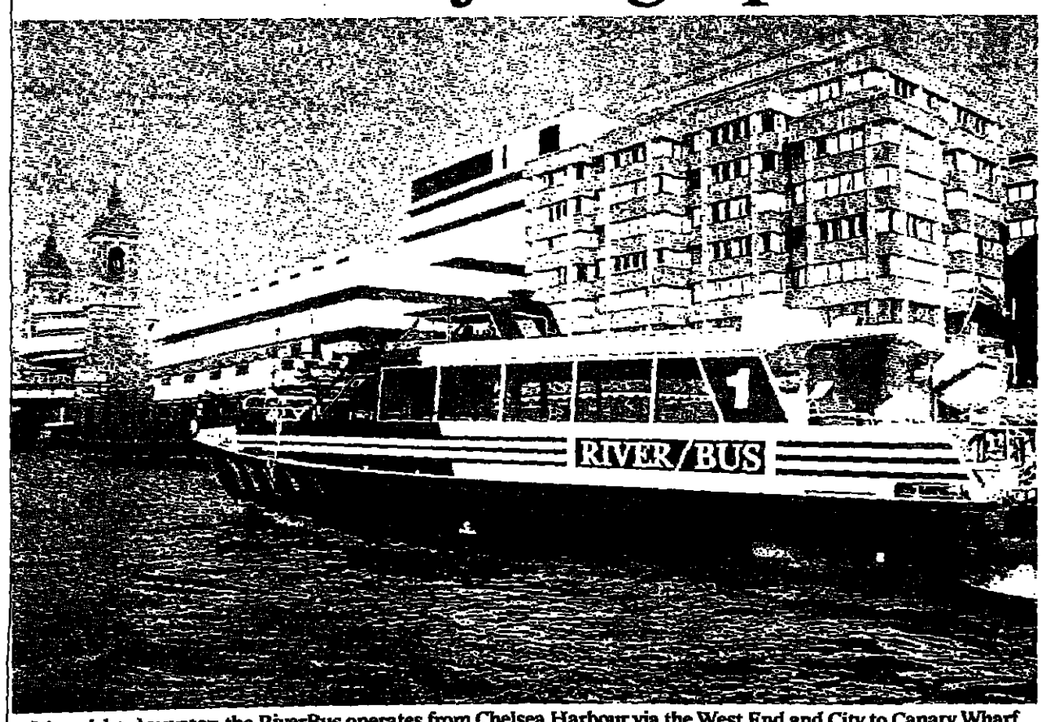
The success of City airport, Mr Charnock believes, could have encouraging implications for similar "downtown" airports elsewhere in the world. "I believe at City airport we have demonstrated that many of the fears expressed by environmental concerns are misplaced. In a lot of cases, people will be able to learn from our experiences, and from our successes.

"Increased passenger loyalty, new services coming in and improved access has created a pattern of growth which indicates a very positive outlook for the future of London City Airport as the premier airport for European business travel," Mr Charnock predicts.

BOB PAPWORTH


Sitting comfortably: the business centre at City airport

Better way to go public



It's quicker by water: the RiverBus operates from Chelsea Harbour via the West End and City to Canary Wharf

Public transport links to London City Airport are slowly improving

While the development of the road network feeding the Docklands and London City Airport continues apace, the public transport system is struggling to keep up, writes *Bob Papworth*.

London Underground's Jubilee line extension, the £1.8 billion project which will link Green Park and Westminster with Canning Town and Stratford via Canary Wharf, will not now be operational before the end of 1997 at the earliest. Originally scheduled for opening in 1996, the project has been seriously delayed by the problems besetting developers Olympia & York, the Canadian-owned company currently under administration.

In the Chancellor's 1992 Autumn Statement, the government made clear that the public sector funding had been allowed for, but would not become available until £400 million had been raised from the private sector. The European Investment Bank has agreed to invest £100 million, and discussions are continuing with other financial institutions.

According to a spokesman for the Jubilee Line extension project, O & Y either has to come out of administration, or get leave from the courts to commit itself to part-funding the construction work. That process, says the spokesman, could be completed by the end of June this year. Once that happens, and the transport secretary has given formal approval for work to start, project bosses say the digging could begin within three or four weeks.

However, the project is still slated to take 53 months, to finish, during which time Underground travellers' nearest connection to the airport is at West Ham station, where a bus link to the terminal building operates every 15 minutes.

There is better news from the Docklands Light Railway, where the £250 million, 12-station extension linking Poplar with Beckton is to be opened in October this year. By March 1994, travellers from Bank, in the heart of the City, will be able to travel direct to Prince Regent station, a short walk from the airport's terminal building.

The Docklands Light Railway's two spur lines mean that Poplar is already linked with Stratford in the north, providing a British Rail and tube interchange, and with Island Gardens on the tip of the Isle of Dogs. The DLR has further plans to extend the line from Island Gardens across the Thames to Lewisham, giving a British Rail interchange south of the river.

The airport is already served by British Rail's Network Southeast division, with North London line trains from Stratford and beyond running every 20 minutes, Monday to Saturday, to the Silvertown and London City Airport station.

London Transport's D11 Docklands Express bus service links the airport with London Bridge tube and rail stations on a route through Canary Wharf and the City. The airport's own courtesy shuttle bus links the terminal building with the Docklands Light Railway at Canary Wharf and with the air traveller's most novel mode of transport — the RiverBus.

Started in May 1988, the RiverBus service now operates every 15 minutes at peak times (every half-hour off-peak), linking London City Airport's Canary Wharf pier with London Bridge and Swan Lane for the City, Festival Pier for the South Bank complex, Charing Cross Pier for the West End, and upriver as far as Chelsea Harbour. Downriver, the waterjet-powered catamarans operate to the Scandic Crown — the airport's nearest major hotel — and to Greenwich.

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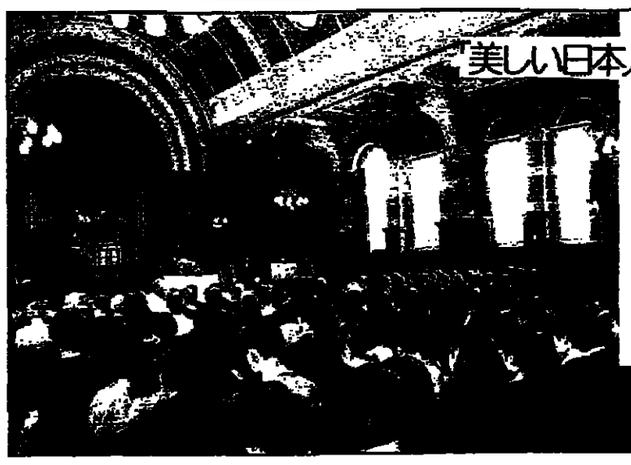
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Opting out has taken off in England but it has been slow getting off the ground in other parts of Britain . . .

Scotland's only opt-out

A Victorian primary school is about to blaze the self-governing trail north of the border. **Rob Brown** reports


RON BURGESS

Local hero? "All we want", *Alan Bateman says, "is enough room for our children and a bit of breathing space for the teachers."*

Here is a scoreline which makes the Scotland football team's recent 5-0 drubbing in Portugal pale into respectability: England 491 Scotland 0.

This particular comparison is about schools opting out, or rather opting not to. To date, not a single school in Scotland has attained self-governing status, although they have been legally entitled to do so for three years. In England the number of grant-maintained schools is fast approaching 500, and is expected to reach 1,000 this year.

Why the disparity? The explanation is quite straightforward, according to Raymond Boyle, chairman of the Parents' Coalition, a pressure group which rose to prominence during the successful grass roots rebellion against primary testing north of the border. "There is simply no demand," he says, "for the government's opt-out scheme among Scottish parents, who are generally satisfied with the way schools are run in local authorities. The only reason a few schools have resorted to opting-out ballots is to try to delay the closure of their schools."

There is truth in this last point, as Scotland's education minister has been forced to acknowledge. Lord James Douglas-Hamilton said recently that he "deprecated and deplored" the use of the opting-out legislation as a tactic to thwart rationalisation plans. (Scotland's education authorities have been trying to to bring the number of schools closer into line with the number of pupils, which has fallen by about a third since 1979.)

But Lord James also insisted that a number of schools had contacted the Scottish Office to express a "genuine interest" in opting out. Pressed on this point, officials later conceded that fewer than ten schools had made such enquiries.

The Scottish education minister issued his remarks during a wide-ranging press conference at Dunblane, near Stirling. This tiny cathedral city is expected to become the trailblazer for the government's opt-out scheme in Scotland. Parents at St Mary's Episcopal primary voted by an overwhelming margin last month in favour of seeking self-governing status for their little Victorian school.

St Mary's, a non-denominational establishment with 60 pupils, is expected to meet the government's strict criteria for breaking loose from local authority control. It is not threatened directly with closure. However, Central Region education department has indicated that it would like to cut back the roll to 36 pupils with two teachers instead of three. It was the council's plan which prompted the parents to consider opting out.

Tension with the local education department first arose last year when the school board offered to raise money for a temporary classroom in order to keep up the current roll until scheduled improvements are carried out in 1996. The region refused this offer, even though the school is owned by the local Episcopal church and leased to the council.

"Had Central Region not been so intransigent we might never have contemplated opting out," says Alan Bateman, chairman of the St Mary's school board. "All we want is enough room for our children and a bit of breathing space for the teachers, who are working in unreasonably cramped conditions."

Mr Bateman, a medical equipment engineer, is critical of the lack of back-up offered by the Scottish Office education department to parents who embark down the uncharted path of opting out. "I'm not criticising the civil servants in Edinburgh," he says. "They do as much as they are allowed to do, but it is not enough. Parents who dare to go down this road are left fumbling in the dark and it can be very frustrating.

"You have to get down to the nuts and bolts of how a school is going to be run, and the only way you can presently do that is by heading down south."

The St Mary's school board made one reconnaissance trip to Newton Bluecoat Church of England school near Preston, which has opted out. But this was of limited practical help, mainly because the laws governing grant-maintained schools in England and Wales differ in important respects from the Scottish legislation.

Mr Bateman would like to see a Scottish equivalent of the Grant Maintained Schools Foundation. This charity-registered organisation has a special centre based in High Wycombe which guides parents through the legal and financial processes involved in opting out.

Sir Robert Balchin, chairman of the foundation, has been lobbying the Scottish Office to set up a similar Scottish agency. He says that he has had "fruitful" talks with ministers and officials on a recent visit to Edinburgh.

"I am very hopeful that an organisation similar to the GMSC will be up and running in Scotland within a year from now," Sir Robert says. "It is crucial that Scottish parents are given the same support and encouragement as their counterparts in England and Wales."

Going-it-alone gamble pays off

Iola Smith visits a school in Wales which has opted out of local authority control

Only seven out of more than 2,000 schools in Wales have opted out of local authority control, but those schools which have decided to run their own affairs are delighted with the outcome.

Since opting out of Clwyd LEA's jurisdiction in January, Ysgol Emrys ap Iwan in Abergele, Clwyd — the first school in North Wales to obtain grant-maintained status — has gone from strength to strength.

"We are up to £500,000 better off than we were under the LEA because we have the freedom to make our own decisions and to control our own purse-strings," says the head teacher, Bruce Pyart. "All the income that we generate is ploughed back into the school."

From September, each sixth-former will receive a bursary of £70 in two instalments, to be spent on books and stationery, provided the students attend regularly and display commitment to their courses. The money will have to be spent on books and materials at a Rhyl company which has agreed to give a 20 per cent discount. Following that link, 40 other local shops and businesses have also agreed to offer discounts to pupils, provided they show their school identity cards.

This spring, the school has spent £30,000 on upgrading its dining room by transforming the decor and furniture to create a carpeted hotel-style ambience. Professional caterers were given the franchise to make the meals, which are open to the public as well as pupils and teachers. Every Thursday, for example, Abergele's pensioners come in to dine for £1.90.

Although the restaurant was officially opened only in March, the number of pupils now dining in has increased by 200. Teachers too are using it, because since obtaining grant-maintained status they have been able to receive school dinners free of charge.

Problems affecting most schools, such as shortages of books and resources, are being remedied at Emrys ap Iwan. "We have spent £20,000 on providing books both for the library and for each faculty," explains Mr Pyart. "And each faculty's capitation allowance is three times higher than what it used to be under Clwyd.

"We are also taking on more staff. We are providing a technician for each of our faculties, not just science, and as part of our commitment to the community we are training two unemployed adults in catering and joinery skills."

The trainees hope that they will emulate the success of the first trainee on the scheme, who is now working full-time in the school office. Some of the school's financial success has come from its trading company, Yearhigh Ltd, which brings in £50,000 from its printing and stationery ventures.

Yearhigh prints posters, wedding stationery, brochures for North Wales companies and books for national organisations such as The Caravan Club. At present, the company is run by teachers and governors but the school is considering expanding its output and employing staff specifically to manage the business.

"Next year," says Mr Pyart, "we will be providing NVQ courses in tourism, leisure, health care and hairdressing, and already our school hairdressing salon is proving popular with pupils. When the NVQ course starts, it will be open to the public. But we cannot really develop our further education provision as fully as we would wish until the financial support available to further education colleges is open to schools."

He is convinced that schools can do the job as well — if not better — than colleges. "Further education has not delivered the goods over the past 20 years. If it had, British industry would be doing much better. What we want is to be allowed to compete with FE on even terms. Then we could really show what Emrys ap Iwan is capable of achieving."

A good attempt, but could do even better

A mixed bag of commendation and criticism for the university Olympics

I suppose that I ought to be quite pleased that the federal University of London did so well in the great Times universities Olympics. In fact, we probably won more "golds", "silvers" and "bronzes" than any other university. Even in the great concluding event of the inter-universities' tug of war, where all the best in each institution formed themselves up to pull for victory, colleges of the University of London won two of the first four places and five of the first 14. Why then is the pleasure less than wholehearted?

The main problem is that each day I was unsure whether *The Times Good University Guide* belonged to the sport section, the business section, the entertainment section or the education section.

Certainly, it provided entertainment for academics, but whether academic-tragic, academic-comic, academic-comic-pathetic, academic-pathetic-tragic all depends upon whether the hint of business section input — all those neat tables and columns reminiscent of a well-manicured spreadsheet — is sufficiently robust to justify more than an air of exactness. Is the difference between Cambridge and Oxford exactly 15 points over a total of 14 indicators? Are the relative merits of UCL and Birmingham properly represented by a gap of precisely three points in 770?

There is even a case for displaying the relevant results of the Diary and Court pages of *The Times*: for there is more than a whiff of "the establishment prevails" in the final table produced on Friday of last week. All of the "old" universities, bar two, are listed in rank order between one and 54, all of the "new" universities are conversely listed in rank order between 55 and 96. One might almost have used date of foundation as the controlling criterion of "success"!

Have I nothing good to say about the whole enterprise? In fact I do. This is legitimately an exercise in education and it does properly belong to the education section. It is an attempt "to give students the best information for their complex decisions". As such it is to be commended. Choosing a university course is one of the most important decisions which an individual can make. The more helpful and user-friendly information, the better. Pen pictures of university towns indicating size, approximate rent levels and social and cultural patterns are very useful. An indication of which universities have the greatest experience in broad-based Access programmes may also be a key piece of information. The critical point, however, is that the most important element in a student's choice is the particular course or range of courses which he or she chooses. In many cases this means the department in the university which teaches that course.

> 'Aspects of *The Times* survey should carry a health warning'

How good is the teaching? How flexible are the course structures? How good are the support systems (at departmental as well as institutional level)? It is not surprising that *The Times* is unable to answer all of these questions, and that is recognised by the withdrawal of ranking for teaching until "more reliable data" emerge.

In summary, the most important role of *The Times* survey is to highlight the need for increased provision of information, and improved awareness in potential students. This initiative complements well the wish of the universities to put relevant facts before the public.

For several years now the Committee of Vice-chancellors and the government funding agencies have in all probability published more information about the performance of universities than has been available for any other sector of education. The former's *University Entrance: The Official Guide* reaches the parts which other guides do not.

Further, *The Times* is right to stress the importance of "value-added" as a very important criterion, however elusive that continues to be. But, it is questionable whether the idea of "a first" as the gold standard of achievement is any longer tenable.

None the less, whatever the "success" of London, there remain two underlying doubts. The first is that the survey does not help answer the critical question of "which course/department is best for me?" The second is that in producing a single rank-order it implies a uniform system, whereas what we must strive for is diversity. Perhaps one personal reflection may be permitted.

Thirty-five years ago it would not have helped me to know that the "general" view was that the "top" universities were to be found in the so-called "golden triangle," or, if Edinburgh is included, the "silver quadrilateral". I have no doubt that it was better for me, at that stage, to go to my "local" university in Aberdeen and to sample the riches elsewhere at a later date. If a league table had caused me to question that, it would have done me a disservice.

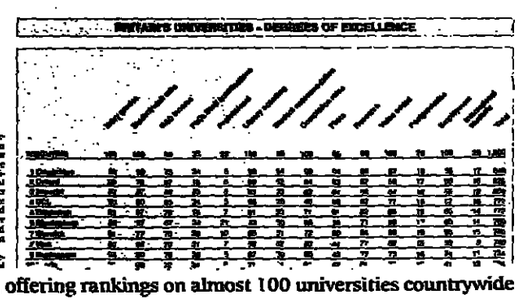
Ultimately, that is why aspects of *The Times* survey should carry a health warning.

STEWART SUTHERLAND

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Tests with a touch of reality

VIEWPOINT

Jonathan Sale

Did I choose the wrong subjects? The awkward question must be nagging anyone now revising for a GCSE, A-level or university exam. I certainly did, but now it's all ancient history — not to mention Ancient History, which was one of my A-level topics.

In the intervening years, a number of examinations have sprung up in what can only be called the University of Life. I always thought that there was no formal examination set by the University of Life, that it was more a matter of continuous assessment in the School of Hard Knocks. Furthermore, I was not sure of the syllabus.

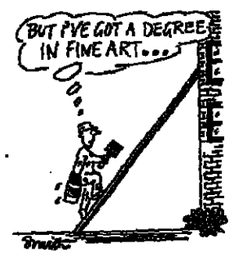
Yet I have just come across the *Basic Test in Life Skills*, part of a series from the Associated Examining Board which complements or replaces conventional qualifications, such as GCSE. If I entered for it now, I would be a star pupil.

"Give *one* disadvantage of being self-employed," commands question 4 of section A in an old exam paper. The examiners are playing my tune — no holiday pay, no sickness pay, no free phone calls to friends in the United States. Still, it says only one disadvantage and there is only an hour and a half for the entire paper.

For me, no revision is needed to sail through another of Associated's basic tests, *World of Work*; world of non-work, actually, in the case of question 23(e), which asks: "What does the word 'redundant' mean?" Once again, I have done the practical research for this, with letters from my former employer's personnel manager to prove it.

The smart folk at the Welsh Joint Education Committee have offered an intriguing topic, the Certificate in Personal Grooming; but my children say that no candidate who looks as if he had just been dragged through a hedge backwards would be allowed to enter.

The Northern Examining Association does a GCSE in road traffic studies, but I do quite enough driving without going on a crash course as well. I am still thinking over.



Hertfordshire LEA's *Thinking Skills* test.

Being in the writing trade, I thought about communication studies, but was put off by a question requiring students to sketch out a new soap opera "which should" — and here is the difficult bit — "avoid stereotyping". (Pity that the *Eldorado* scriptwriters did not take this course.)

Law papers are always tempting. The questions are often set in real life, and then veer away into Monty Python terrain.

According to a specimen Associated paper testing the Sale of Goods Act: "Mr Smith ordered 'an animal to scare away burglars'. Two days later the petshop delivered a cat." The candidates must deliver a verdict.

Again, at another petshop a Mrs Jones had ordered "a cat to catch mice". Here we are in ex-parrot country. "When a cat was delivered, it had only three legs and could not run." Candidates might argue that there are a lot of slow mice in the area, but not for long.

There was nothing fantastical about a recent accounting A-level question featuring a Mr Ron Watts, mail order supplier and no-hoper. Taken aback when asked by the Inland Revenue for details of profits, he discovered that his records were incomplete.

He admitted that he "used money from his sales receipts to finance his household expenditure". He also "bought a Mercedes for private use for £30,000, paid for from sales receipts". Furthermore, "he remembered" — clever lad — "that he had taken various other amounts of cash out of sales receipts for private use, but he could not remember exactly how much". Not so clever.

From that fiscal nightmare, candidates must provide (a) an estimate of net profit, if any, (b) a detailed trading account and (c) a balance sheet that will keep the Revenue off his back. If candidates pull it off, they score 25 marks.

To me, it shows that they are ready for the really big question in Lifemanship: can they handle my VAT accounts?

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The eyes and ears of medicine

Since the first X-rays were taken almost a century ago, radiologists have been making rapid advances in diagnosis, reports Pearce Wright

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An electronics engineer, Godfrey Hounsfield, astonished the medical profession 21 years ago with a discovery he demonstrated to the annual congress of the British Institute of Radiology.

The invention, which won him a Nobel prize, was the technique we now know as a CT-scan, the shorthand for computerised axial tomography, and which uses only weak X-rays to take whole-body pictures. Doctors use it to see detailed images of the structure of soft-tissue organs like the heart and brain.

The CT-scan marked the start of an era of innovation in radiology which is still in full spate. When radiologists gather this week in Glasgow for their annual meeting: Radiology and Oncology '93, they will examine progress that is changing the course of most branches of medicine.

New strides include advances for watching the activity of the brain, detecting biochemical abnormalities in muscles, monitoring the blood flow in premature babies and procedures that replace the need for surgery with the use of interventional radiology.

With interventional radiology, a radiologist can, for example, guide a balloon attached to a catheter through an artery which has narrowed. The balloon is inflated to release the restriction and then removed. Dr William Hately, the president of the British Institute of Radiology, says that as well as being surgically less invasive, interventional radiology can be more economic.

Procedures such as the balloon catheter insertion keep patients in hospital for two or three nights, compared with two or three weeks for more extensive surgery. There are many other important developments coming into use by radiologists, including MRI, magnetic resonance imaging; MRS, magnetic resonance spectroscopy; PET, positron emission tomography and SPECT, single photon emission computer tomography.

The new techniques no longer depend on X-rays. MRI machines can produce images of the soft tissue to diagnose joint injuries, slipped discs, tumours, bone marrow and brain damage. Dr Hately, consultant to the Royal London Hospital, says radiologists are being encouraged to adopt methods such as MRI and ultrasound that avoid ionisation radiation. He says specialists in radiation protection would like most diagnostic radiology to be performed by the newer methods by 2000.

The imaging process of MRI depends on molecules of protein and fatty substances in our bodies that behave like tiny magnets. They can be made to vibrate, or resonate, and send out tiny radio signals, when a patient is subjected to a magnetic field. There are distinct differences in the signals from healthy and diseased tissue.

While MRI provides images, MRS (magnetic resonance spectroscopy) is an even more subtle process. It uses radio signals to obtain profiles of the biochemistry of tissue, especially muscle, that is otherwise difficult to investigate. Normally, such tests would require a biopsy.

MRI has already entered the American vernacular, Dr Hately says. On a recent visit to America, he was impressed by a television news report of an update on injuries to two baseball players. The commentator said "they have already had their MRI's and are OK". He believes Britain is under-provided with MRI and other complementary technology.

Long before the invention of the CT-scan, physicists were working on ultrasound as an alternative to ionising radiation, with a picture, or sonograph, created by "listening". Ultrasound was introduced as a preferable way of examining the foetus in pregnancy. Dr Hately says today it is the method of choice for examining many types of suspected lumps and bumps in the abdomen, particularly the uterus, ovaries and liver.

MRI, which is excellent for scrutinising the brain, the spine and joints, has limitations compared with a CT-scan in examining disorders of the chest and abdomen. Moreover, the interpretation of magnetic resonance pictures and those obtained by ultrasound is more complex than inspecting the image cast by X-rays. Not surprisingly, this is a problem where the computer is coming increasingly into play.

The origin of radiology belongs to what today would be classed as curiosity or "blue-skies" research when, in 1895, a German physicist, Wilhelm Konrad Roentgen, discovered X-rays and took the first photograph showing the bones of the hand of an old man. Several years elapsed before it was realised that X-rays were dangerous and could cause cancer, particularly leukaemia.

In March 1897, a meeting at the Medical Defence Union, in London, decided to form the X-Ray Society. It was destined to become the first Radiological Society in the world, three months later the name was altered to the Roentgen Society.

Many other changes occurred over the next three decades. Eventually the British Institute of Radiology, incorporating the Roentgen Society, was established in 1922 and received its Royal Charter in 1958. In the meantime the forerunners were established of the Royal College of Radiologists, the College of Radiographers and other professional bodies.

Radiology perhaps created the first, even though commercially modest, high-tech industry. And industry has played an important role in stimulating the development of radiology. Within weeks of Roentgen's discoveries, he gave the Siemens company the details to make the first X-ray tubes.

For a long time the industry consisted of a few manufacturers of heavy X-ray equipment and suppliers of X-ray films and developing materials. Over 100 firms will display their latest wares next week at the annual exhibition, MED X RAY, organised in conjunction the College of Radiographers.

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Screen test: Dr William Hately, below, and above using minimally invasive surgery to operate on a kidney stone



Cinderella sciences wait for axe

As William Waldegrave cuts back on spending, leaders in the field of radiology have an anxious wait

British scientists are increasingly nervous about their fate, as they wait for the White Paper on government spending on science and technology. The document was promised for February by William Waldegrave's new Office of Science and Technology. But since there is no chance of much-needed additional money, there is an anxious wait to hear where any cut will fall.

For Professor George du Boulay, consultant radiologist at the Institute for Neurological Diseases, Queen Square, London, the story is all too familiar in the field of radiology, which he maintains is the Cinderella in the allocation of research funds. He says that although an advance in radiology always brings progress in many areas of medicine, it is a difficult subject to explain when seeking research funds.

Radiology differs from most medical studies because researchers are exploring methodologies rather than questions about specific diseases. Seven years ago, Professor du Boulay created the Radiological Research Trust. Its survival is on a knife-edge, but its success is a personal tribute to the tireless efforts of Professor Dr du Boulay and close colleagues.

The value of the research it supports is reflected in its latest report on a new radiological technique, now being tested, to prevent irreversible brain damage in the first few hours after an accident or stroke. Within 15 minutes of some injuries, damaged tissue may generate a substance which triggers a chain of harmful chemical reactions. Unless halted quickly, they poison the recovery of otherwise temporarily impaired brain cells.

By the time the destruction becomes visible as an abnormality on a CT X-ray scanner, after 12 to 24 hours, or even in four to six hours by the latest method of scanning with MRI it is too late to intervene.

Yet test-tube work in the laboratory shows that the initial substance released by damaged tissue, glutamate, can be neutralised by an antibiotic drug. So in principle, permanent deterioration of brain tissue after an accident should be preventable, provided the problem is detected quickly.

Now, medical researchers at the Institute of Neurological Science, Glasgow, are testing a technique of rapid diagnosis and treatment to block the brain toxins.

Preliminary results of the work outlined in the research trust's annual report describe a method of obtaining images of the brain that will show if and where glutamate has been produced.

The release of glutamate happens in brain cells that are only impaired temporarily by a loss of blood supply. But once released, a biochemical chain reaction can take place causing widespread permanent tissue damage. Early diagnosis depends on injecting a patient with a special chemical tracer that seeks out and locks on to glutamate.

The tracer is monitored with a new method of scanning called SPECT, which stands for single photon emission computed tomography.

The object is to use SPECT to pinpoint the area of brain damage by locating the glutamate and the amount released, and then calculate the dose of antibiotic needed to neutralise it.

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Waldegrave: will his department cut funds even further?

Breakthrough offers hope to cancer patients

New forms of radiotherapy are giving doctors a greater choice of treatment

The treatment of cancer and related diseases with radiotherapy has advanced phenomenally in the past decade. The progress is due largely to the achievements in the relatively young science of radiobiology, the study of the effects of radiation on living cells and organisms.

Research by radiobiologists has shown why cancer cells have failed to respond to various forms of radiotherapy. Reports on the latest headway in making tumours more susceptible to radiotherapy figure prominently in the programme of the British Institute of Radiology's congress.

Radiotherapy is used almost exclusively to treat cancer and related conditions, although it was not always so. The form of treatment can employ one of a variety of sources of radiation: intense X-rays and particle beams to penetrate to deep-lying tumours, softer rays to be absorbed by cancerous tissue on or near the skin, and purpose-made radioactive materials implanted directly into tumours or attached to a drug that homes in on a particular cancer are among the technologies.

There are also combinations of radiotherapy with surgery and chemotherapy used in multi-pronged attacks on cancer. Whatever the method of delivery, the role of the radiation is to belt each malignant cell with a pulse of energy powerful enough to disrupt its biochemistry and cause it to die.

The original idea was something of a sledgehammer approach, based on the observations of the pioneers of X-rays. While X-rays were useful to examine broken limbs, the early diagnostic radiologists also found radiation could be harmful. They also observed that diseased tissue was more sensitive to radiation than healthy tissue.

So treatments were devised to deliver a lethal dose of radiation to cancer cells, provided exposure to surrounding healthy tissues could be minimised. The success rate was modest until about 15 years ago when radiobiologists obtained a better insight of what happens to cells exposed to radiation.

They found how previous treatments, designed deliberately to protect healthy tissue, took too long. They could stimulate some tumour cells to proliferate before a course of therapy was finished. The trouble lay in an absence of a rapid test to detect whether a tumour was in a very active state and when proliferation was likely.

Genetic technology provided the answer with a method called Tpot that directly measures the rate of cell production by tumours. This knowledge has also led to methods of making tumours more sensitive to attack by radiotherapy. A major re-programming of radiotherapy treatments has followed.

One of the successful new forms of treatment is called Chart, which stands for continuous, hyperfractionated, accelerated radiotherapy. It was pioneered at Mount Vernon Hospital, Northwood, west London, by Professor Stan Dische and Dr Michele Saunders.

Research on extending Chart is backed by the Imperial Cancer Research Fund and the Cancer Research Campaign, and refinements to this form of treatment are being developed jointly by oncology units at Bristol, Cardiff, Glasgow, Leeds, London, Manchester, Nottingham, Sheffield and international centres in Germany and Sweden.

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GEOFF BROWN IN CANNES: Mike Leigh stuns, Kurosawa disappoints as the hopefuls and hapless gather again

All this, and flesh-eating zombies too

ERIC GAILLARD / REUTER

Moving image: Jean-Claude Van Damme, Belgium's answer to Chuck Norris and the rest of the martial arts crew, kicks off the more serious side of the 46th Cannes Film Festival

So what is it to be? The new Wim Wenders, dinner with Jean-Claude Van Damme, the first feature directed by an Aboriginal woman, a stroll along the Croisette, or a market screening of *Vegas in Space*, set apparently on a "domed all-female, fun-plagued pleasure planet in the 21st century"? The choices at the 46th Cannes Film Festival are never-ending.

Most conscientious critics follow a set routine. The Festival Palais looms before them, a bulky monster that will be their home for the next 12 days. They take a deep breath and enter. The curious will attend the jury press conference and marvel at the continuing beauty of Claudia Cardinale (looking younger than Gary Oldman, Judy Davis and most other colleagues gathered under the chairmanship of Louis Malle). They then go in search of a good film.

The first good competition film was actually British. Mike Leigh's **Naked** arrived in Cannes trailing rumours about its strength and grittiness. And the rumours are true. Although comedy creeps over the forlorn and desperate characters, many scenes are harsh enough to wipe the smile off anyone's face.

The central character, Johnny (memorably played by David Thewlis), is an amoral drifter with a gift of the gab who arrives in London and insinuates himself into an old girlfriend's flat. Over the next few days he takes his pleasure with a dope-drenched flatmate, then goes on the freezing streets. A philosophical security guard takes him into an empty office building; other people he meets punch him black and blue. This is London, 1993.

Leigh's attitude to this decaying, loveless world is ambivalent. Disturbing scenes of sexual brutality are followed by a compassion for lonely souls that recalls *Bleak Moments*, his first feature. The visual style is constant, and the relentlessly dark photography contributes hugely to the film's force.

Some Leigh hallmarks remain unaltered. Characters are regularly pushed toward caricature with the aid of a behavioural tic. Sophie, the dopehead, talks through her teeth. Another woman, Sandra, cannot finish a sentence. But now Leigh's "comedy of humours" technique has been put to a serious purpose. *Naked* is uncomfortable, a little too long, but overall very impressive, and easily his best film to date.

Four other films with British connections are playing in competition. Although one of them, the comedy *Splitting Heirs*, can do nothing for national pride, the tally is still impressive when our industry is gasping for breath. Only France fields an equal number.

The showiest of the British bunch is Kenneth Branagh's **Much Ado About Nothing**, which screens here on Friday. This is the exact opposite of *Naked*: a visually bland film shot under dazzling blue Tuscan skies, crammed with famous transatlantic names (from Ken and Em to Denzel Washington), a film designed to give instant pleasure.

Branagh's populist approach brings mixed rewards. Shakespeare's text is punched home with uncommon clarity, although any gain in grasping Elizabethan English must be balanced against the vaudeville capering of some performances. Michael Keaton (Dogberry) is the worst offender, hamming away like one of the villains from *Batman*. Even Emma Thompson (Beatrice, of course) falls prey to "funny" business. Branagh himself proves more persuasive as Benedick; it is as director that he over-estimates the amount of dull staging and relentless gaiety one picture can stand.

Outside the competition, the Cannes selectors have gathered the customary delicacies, delights and disappointments. Kurosawa's **Madadayo**, sad to say, provides more evidence of the octogenarian's artistic decline. Visually, this portrait of a revered university teacher and writer, Hyakken Uchida, is more ambitious than *Rhapsody in August*. But to Western eyes, Kurosawa never makes a convincing case for the character's significance. As the decades roll, and one birthday celebration full of loud songs and drinking follows another, one starts to pity the poor student who was ever assigned to the professor's classes.

The same day (last Friday) brought the perfect tonic in two films celebrating French cinema's past achievements. Serge Toubiana and Michel Pascal's **François Truffaut, portraits volés** probes the complex character of the New Wave director through the recollections of family and friends. In one sense this is a "talking heads" film, but the emotions and insights generated by their testimony lift it way above the norm.

The real jewel, however, was Agnès Varda's **Les Demoiselles ont eu 25 ans**, a gleaming pendant to *Jacquot de Nantes*, her biographical portrait of her late partner Jacques Demy. The young ladies in question are those of *Les Demoiselles de Rochefort*. Demy's bewitching 1967 musical filmed on location in the French port. Varda creates an intoxicating souvenir, coupling footage she shot during production with coverage of the town's recent festival to celebrate the film's 25th anniversary. Catherine Deneuve recalls the efforts of singing in sync with the playback recording; local people who worked as child extras bask in the memory of happy times. The film would scarcely achieve its powerful effect, however, if the material were not shot and edited so well, or suffused with such tender love.

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Varda makes you want to leave the cinema singing and dancing. Abel Ferrara's **Bodysnatchers**, one of three American films in competition, encourages you to beat your head against a brick wall. Ferrara always believes in brute force, but varies his technique. For this third remake of Jack Finney's classic tale of alien infestation, *Invasion of the Bodysnatchers*, his weapons are unceasing close-ups, monotonous off-centre camera angles and an almost total absence of humour. Compared with past versions, there are two chief novelties: the army-based setting (a good idea, this), and a worm's-eye view of how the cold, conformist alien replicas assume human form. It is a messy process. In its blundering way, the film does stir some excitement, but for subtle pleasures the other two versions reign supreme.

Maybe Ferrara should take a few lessons from the Japanese actor and director Takeshi Kitano. **Sonatine**, his fourth film, is an odd fish. The first half an hour is straight gangster drama, like his earliest films — lean, tough and bloody. Then the men lie low in a house by the coast and enter a second childhood, larking about with seaweed and holes in the sand. Here, the director of the enchanting *A Scene at the Sea* re-emerges. The whole film blends cruelty and tenderness in quite an individual way; and whatever the mood, it is beautifully photographed.

Beyond the official screenings there lies the jungle of the market, where unknown creatures lurk. Early on Saturday, an Andrzej Wajda film surfaced, but **The Ring With the Crowned Eagle**, set, like his trilogy, in the closing turmoil of the second world war, proved an unworthy addition to the canon.

There has been no sighting yet of the most preposterous to enter production this year, an American delicacy called *Night of the Day of the Dawn of the Son of the Bride of the Return of the Revenge of the Terror of the Attack of the Evil, Mutant, hellbound, zombified, flesh-eating, sub-humanoid living dead —part four*. Where is it?

ARTS BRIEFING

Business mutters

ON TOP of the discovery of a missing £150,000 from a government awards scheme it administers, the Association for Business Sponsorship of the Arts now finds itself in the thick of a public row. At an ABSA awards dinner last week, Lord Sainsbury launched an attack on the Arts Council, accusing it of abandoning its arm's-length principle in dealing with clients. In response, Arts Council chairman Lord Palumbo, in a letter to the London *Evening Standard*, accused Sainsbury of demonstrating "a woeful and surprising ignorance of public-sector funding".

Colin Tweedy, director general of ABSA, must be relieved that the spotlight is off the funds missing from the government's Business Sponsorship Incentive Scheme. "First we saw a former member of our staff arrested for alleged fraud and then we found one of our major awards dinners becoming controversial," Tweedy says. "It's time to get back to the business at hand, which is encouraging businesses to spend more money on the arts." Meanwhile, the investigation continues into the missing funds. The BSIS scheme, however, is not affected and continues to match new money from sponsors with the government's full support.

Last chance . . .

"ALWAYS different, always the same," that's the Fall, according to their number one fan, John Peel. Led by the caustic and enigmatic Mancunian Mark E. Smith, the band has maintained a surprisingly consistent presence on the margins of English rock since 1977. Their new album, *The Infotainment Scan*, is a typically idiosyncratic mixture of rant and riff. It is their 17th LP, but the first to reach the Top Ten. They finish their tour with dates at Wulfrun Hall, Wolverhampton (0902 312030) tonight; Pyramid Centre, Portsmouth (0705 826666) tomorrow; and Victoria Rooms, Bristol (0272 299008) Wednesday.

TELEVISION

As usual, nul point



Second only to Ireland: Britain's own brave songstress, Sonia

For about two hours on Saturday the British population cheered up. True, they had just ploughed through the most mind-numbing sporting event of the decade — the FA Cup final — but, at least, they told themselves, the worst was over. The good old Beeb would see them right with something lively on Saturday night. Then they switched on the **Eurovision Song Contest**.

It is wrong to say that *nothing* ever changes in this three-hour tournament of tackiness. For instance, it has finally dawned on songwriters, even Swedish songwriters, that they really should not write ditties with titles like "Blink-a-Blonk Me", or "Oh, Oh, Oh!" So that's a start.

But after 38 years, the fact is that there are still only two types of song that ever win the Eurovision, and neither has ever had anything to do with the cutting edge of popular music. First, there is the throbbing, soaring, tonsil-shaking ballad. This used to be the hallmark of France, Luxembourg and other countries where the memory of Piaf is held dear. Now it is adopted wherever the soundtrack of *Miss Saigon* has penetrated. Ireland won this year with a classic of the genre, delivered by a bank clerk from Dublin in a kind of sub-Aretha Franklin frenzy of vocal embellishment.

Or there is the relentlessly cheery, inane, uptempo belter, for which a silly dance, fixed grins and cute little winks at the camera are mandatory. Cue our own diminutive Sonia and her "Better the Devil You Know". That came second — and little wonder, when it flaunted such Wordsworth-like rhymes as: "You know I love you every day-yay / Makes my heart go way-yay-yay-yay."

At least the Irish and the British let their songs stand or fall on their own merits. Others clearly felt that the more they could distract attention from the music, the better they would fare. A woman from Greece appeared in a frock that was split from ankle to armpit. The Spanish fielded a manic team of backing dancers who threw themselves round the stage as if auditioning to be pinballs. Malta's answer to Rod Stewart had himself surrounded by three lovelies in black leather, who shouted "This time" every four bars — a reference, no doubt, to their attempts to get the harmonies in tune.

Turkey offered several sinister men in dark glasses. But perhaps someone had told them that this image was not likely to lift the Eurohearts, because half-way through their lugubrious number a saxophonist sprang forward and played something that seemed to come from a different song altogether.

Bosnia, Croatia and Slovenia appeared to a tremendous reception from the Irish audience. Unfortunately, the three new Balkan states then proceeded to offer songs of such modest quality that the much-vaunted "sympathy vote" never happened.

When the Irish clinched their victory Albert Reynolds, the prime minister, leapt up and punched the air in jubilation. *Very* strange how potent cheap music is, as Noel Coward might have observed.

RICHARD MORRISON

ROCK CONCERTS: Heavy metal, Harvey mettle

But the little girls understand

Bon Jovi
Wembley Arena

METAL has mutated into a mass of different hybrids lately, but thrash, grunge, speed and all the other sub-species seem to have passed Jon Bon Jovi by. For his band's first important British appearances in three years, he uses stock-in-trade bluff and bombast to dress up a set of pleasant, even tuneful material that could find itself equally at home on a Cher or Heart album.

But if his music has remained untouched by fashion, this pipe-cleaner thin hero of the American rock heartland did at least have his new, shorter haircut to show off on this trio of Wembley dates: the tabloids maintain it makes him look like Julia Roberts, but such comparisons weren't enough to staunch the steady stream of fainting girl fans carried out of the auditorium by patient security staff.

Born in New Jersey, Bon Jovi imbues his writing with a blue-collar romanticism similar to that of Bruce Springsteen. He is more drawn to cliché and formula, and has the same instinctive feel for AOR composition as such Brill Building-style stalwarts as Diane Warren and Michael Bolton.

While in live performance the singer's amiable mugging and the power chords of his celebrated guitarists Richie Sambora and Dave Bryan may distract from this fact, they cannot quite conjure up the elements of drama or danger required to turn his anthemic but ultimately hollow mini-epics into anything truly stirring.

"I can't believe it," said Bon Jovi half-way through a set that fell just sort of two hours. "There are some people here still *sitting down* . . ." A cardinal sin in cod-metal circles apparently, but understandable given a performance which, though energetic and in its way enjoyable, had singularly failed to engage the emotions.

"You Give Love a Bad Name" and "Bad Medicine" had exercised the would-be down-and-dirty side of the band's nature, "Bed of Roses" its more romantic side, yet it took a parting romp through the old Isley Bros/Lulu chestnut "Shout" to really show what Bon Jovi can do. The sense that, for once, the band was smiling at itself made their big, bold, unfashionable sound much more acceptable.

ALAN JACKSON

P J Harvey
UEA, Norwich

EVEN by pop's hyperbolic standards, P J Harvey's rise has been extraordinary, especially for a band who make awkward, apparently uninviting music. The buzz of anticipation began with last year's single, "Sheela-na-gig", and was confirmed by the album *Dry*.

Now signed to a major label, the west country trio have a new record, *Rid Of Me*. Its harsh, almost ugly tone has this time divided critics; the loyalists finding innovation in its rawness, the sceptics detecting a rush job. Either way, the band touch a nerve.

From the moment Polly Harvey — singer, songwriter, guitarist — walks on stage she is the centre of attention. It is not just her 1950s film star fashion: leopard skin coat, red-rimmed sun glasses. Nor is it only her cool self-assurance as she strums the opening to "Rid Of Me", then barks out its angry challenge. It is also the unsettling, occasionally macabre, irony that marks her whole style. When she sings of being lovesick this is not a metaphor, it is a physical complaint.

In performance, there is less of the new album's claustrophobic intensity. There is more fun to be had as Harvey raises an eyebrow and feigns a sly smile, or as she playfully slips from a Marilyn Monroe simper to a bluesy bawl, shifting the mood from mockery to anger. Together with bassist Stephen Vaughan and drummer Robert Ellis, she snaps out taut rifts and sudden changes of tempo and volume. She says little and solos less, but she lures her followers into her turbulent world, switching from the Broadway wit of "Me-Jane" to the braying slide guitar of "Ecstasy".

Theirs is a superb show, which breaks as many conventions as it acknowledges. Its power lies in its poise, not in its posturing, in its unnerving mix of hard rock and heavy sarcasm, in its desire to taunt and flatter the audience. P J Harvey may not yet command a studio, but they rule the stage.

JOHN STREET

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BOC COVENT GARDEN FESTIVAL: Swedish soprano Birgit Nilsson is the special guest at this year's festival which takes place at the Freemasons' Hall, Donmar Warehouse, backstage at the Royal Opera House, Smith's Galleries, Bow Street Magistrates' Court and around and about the Piazza. The splendid Gabrieli Consort and Players begin proceedings tonight with a candle-lit gala performance of Monteverdi's *Vespers* which marks the 350th anniversary of the composer's death.
St Paul's Church, The Piazza, WC2 (booking: 071-497 9977; festival information: 0839 600800), 8pm.

THE SALOMON ORCHESTRA: Pianist Paul Crossley joins the orchestra in a performance of Messiaen's *Turangalila Symphony*, conducted by Marlyn Brabbins.
St John's, Smith Square, SW1 (071-222 1061), 7.30pm.

DON QUIXOTE: The critics have not taken kindly to the Royal Ballet's latest production, but audiences have been enthusiastic. It provides plenty of opportunity for display dancing, set against the elegant and spare designs of Mark Thompson.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (071-240 1066), 7.30pm. 🔊

THE BARBER OF SEVILLE: English National Opera revives Jonathan Miller's knockabout version of the Rossini opera — in John Abulafia's restaging — using the clever translation by Amanda and Anthony Holden. Michael Lewis returns to the cast as Figaro, Della Jones sings Rosina, Peter Bronder returns as Almaviva, Arwel Huw Morgan as Bartolo, and Richard Angas returns as Basilio. Mark Shanahan conducts
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 3161), 7.30pm. 🔊

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🔊 **THE DEEP BLUE SEA:** Penelope Wilton the victim of unsatisfactory men in Rattigan's well-staged but so old-fashioned drama.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 140mins.

🔊 **THE GIFT OF THE GORGON:** Blazing performance by Judi Dench in combat with Michael Pennington in Peter Shaffer's RSC success tackling the themes of justice and terrible revenge.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 3pm. 165mins.

■ **THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST.** Maggie Smith commands the brittle world of lost handbags in this elegant revival. With Alex Jennings, Richard E. Grant, Margaret Tyzack.
Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins.

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Karl Knight

JUNO AND THE PAYCOCK: The Dublin Gate Theatre's acclaimed production, in London for five weeks at the end of a national tour.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Previews tonight, tomorrow, 7.45pm; opens Wed, 7pm; then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm. 🔊

JOHN DOWNTON (1908-1991): Trained first as an art historian, Downton was a contemporary of Moynihan and Colquhoun at the Slade, but persisted in painting his own post-modernist versions of Cruelli and such, applying the style to bizarrely modern subjects. His temperas could be compared with Schrimpf or early Balthus or even Botero, but with very little in contemporary British art. Perhaps this explains why he never exhibited after 1940 and never had a one man show in his life
Fine Arts Society, 148 New Bond Street, W1 (071-629 5116). Mon-Fri, 9.30am-5.30pm, Sat, 11am-4pm, until May 28.

REGIONAL

COVENTRY: Cardiff's Sherman Theatre Company presents its celebrated production of **Under Milk Wood:** Dylan Thomas's timeless evocation of life, love and dreams of poison in Llareggub.
Warwick Arts Centre, University of Warwick (0203 524524). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. 🔊

GLASGOW: Following Ben Watt's recovery from illness, the song-writing duo **Everything But The Girl** embarks on a nationwide tour promoting its greatest hits album, *Home Movies* — a ten year retrospective compilation.
Pavilion (041-332 1846), 7.15pm. 🔊

LEEDS. Romanesque, the opening show of the new Henry Moore Institute galleries in Leeds is, enterprisingly enough, not devoted to Moore or his contemporaries but instead to stone sculptures from medieval England. This offers a unique opportunity to see close-up two major series of works, from York Minster and Lincoln Cathedral, which were removed from their original exterior positions more than 20 years ago to prevent further damage from weather and pollution.
Henry Moore Institute, 75 The Headrow (0532 467467). Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm (Wed to 8pm), Sat-Sun 1-5pm, until July 19. 🔊

MANCHESTER: Tom Courtenay and Polly James star in *Poison Pen*, a new Ronald Harwood play inspired by the suicide (or was he murdered?) of composer Peter Warlock in 1930 (see review, right).
Royal Exchange, St Ann's Square (061-833 9333). Mon-Thurs, 7.30pm, Fri, Sat, 8pm, mat Wed, 2.30pm. 🔊

NOTTINGHAM: John Godber's **Happy Families,** charting the teenage growing pains of John, goes on an extensive countrywide tour performed by the respected Hull Truck Theatre Company.
Theatre Royal, Theatre Square, (0602 482626) Tonight-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 2pm, Sat, 5pm. 🔊

WATFORD: Marital discomfort in Willy Russell's *One for the Road* with Peter Hugo Daley eager to roam but Tracie Bennett dreaming of a new dishwasher.
Palace, Clarendon Road (0923 225671). Previews tonight, tomorrow, 8pm; opens Wed, 7.45pm, then Mon-Thurs, 7.45pm, Fri, Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 3pm. 🔊

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
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☐ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS:** Stephen Daldry's thrilling Expressionist production of Priestley's soul-searcher.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Wed, 7.15pm, mat Wed, 2pm. 115mins. 🔊

☐ **THE INVISIBLE MAN** Not so cosy a venue as its birthplace in Stratford East but the show is as jolly as ever. Paul Kiev's magic tricks are amazing.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 150mins

☐ **THE LAST YANKEE:** Subtle and touching Arthur Miller premiere. Margot Leicester, Peter Davison lead a quartet of middle-aged Americans troubled by material success.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm. 90mins. 🔊

☐ **A LOVE SONG FOR ULSTER:** Bill Morrison's ambitious, strongly acted trilogy, set at three periods of crisis between 1922 and today.
Tricycle, 269 Kilburn High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000) Single plays: Tues-Fri, 8pm; trilogy: Sat, Sun, 1.45pm-10pm. Final week. 🔊

☐ **ON THE LEDGE:** Liverpudlians in trouble cling to a tower block. Alan Bleasdale angered by civic rot: best when funny
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm. 🔊

☐ **ON THE PISTE:** John Godber's slight but amusing look at partner trouble in a downmarket ski resort.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5085). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 135mins.

☐ **PLAYING BY THE RULES.** Surviving the streets as a rent boy. Rod Dungate's sharp comedy comes to London after two sell-out runs at the Birmingham Rep.
Drill Hall, Chenies Street, WC1 (071-637 8270). Tues-Sat, 7.30pm. 165mins. Final week. 🔊

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **BRAINDEAD** (18): Zombies multiply in 1950s New Zealand. Peter Jackson's gore-splattered horror comic, professionally packaged but very juvenile. Stars Timothy Balme.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310).

◆ **INDECENT PROPOSAL** (15): Sex, greed and Robert Redford: a potent mixture, though Adrian Lyne's film gets stiller scene by scene. With Demi Moore, Woody Harrelson.
Barbican 🔊 (071-638 8891) **Camden Parkway** (071-267 7034) **Empire** 🔊 (071-437 1234/497 9999) 🔊 **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **MGM Fulham Road** 🔊 (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** 🔊 (071-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** 🔊 (071-727 6705) **UCI Whiteleys** 🔊 (071-792 3332).

IN THE SOUP: Lovable gangster befriends and finances a struggling film-maker. Fresh, loopy comedy from Alexandre Rockwell: with Steve Buscemi and Seymour Cassel
National Film Theatre 🔊 (071-928 3232).

LEOLO (18). Demanding, audacious, exciting journey through a Montreal family's madness and dreams. Writer-director, Jean-Claude Lauzon
Chelsea (071-351 3742/3743) **Metro** (071-437 0757) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520).

MISTRESS (15) Trials and tribulations of a low-budget film project. Appealing if slender Hollywood satire, with Martin Landau, Director, Barry Primus.
Plaza (071-437 1234/497 9999)

WILD WEST (15). Adventures of an Asian Country and Western band from Southall, West London. Buoyant but thin comedy, with Sanjit Chouchury. Director, David Attwood.
MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) **Odeons: Haymarket** (0426 915353) **Kensington** (0426 914666).

CURRENT

ACCIDENTAL HERO (15): Promising satire on hero worship, marred by a grating Dustin Hoffman performance and a director (Stephen Frears) not in total control. Starring Andy Garcia, Geena Davis.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** 🔊 (071-792 3332).

AN ACTOR'S REVENGE (PG): Revival of Ichikawa's 1982 film about a female impersonator (Kazuo Hasegawa) plotting revenge. Visually dazzling, though cold to the touch
ICA 🔊 (071-930 3647).

ALIVE (15) A terrific plane crash, then it's slowly downhill for this true-life story of survival and cannibalism in the Andes. Ethan Hawke, Vincent Spano: director, Frank Marshall.
Empire 🔊 (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Fulham Road** 🔊 (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** 🔊 (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** 🔊 (071-792 3332)

UN COEUR EN HIVER (12): Love, sly games and damaged friendships between two instrument makers and a young violinist. Wonderfully observant, delicate drama from Claude Sautet. With Daniel Auteuil, Emmanuelle Béart.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) **Lumière** (071-836 0691) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666)

GROUNDHOG DAY (PG): Harold Ramis's marvellously fresh, humane comedy about a weatherman (Bill Murray) who always wakes up to the same day. With Andie MacDowell.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683) **UCI Whiteleys** 🔊 (071-792 3332).

ORLANDO (PG): Virginia Woolf's exuberant novel about a free spirit (Tilda Swinton) who lives for 400 years, changing sex en route; filmed with great aplomb by British director Sally Potter.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Minema** (071-235 4225) **Plaza** 🔊 (071-437 1234/497 9999) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772).

SOMMERSBY (12): Richard Gere returns to Jodie Foster after the Civil War, but is he really her husband? Plush holsum, based on *The Return of Martin Guerre*. Director, Jon Amiel.
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THE STORY OF QIU JU (12) Chinese stylist Zhang Yimou changes tack with a wonderful, simple film about a peasant (Gong Li) seeking justice.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805) **Gate** 🔊 (071-727 4043) **Screen on the Hill** 🔊 (071-435 3366)

TRESPASS (18): Siege warfare in an abandoned factory between treasure-hunters and the local gang. Forceful at first, then dulled by excess. Walter Hill directs Bill Paxton, William Sadler, Ice T, Ice Cube
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OPERA: **Rodney Milnes** applauds a stunning *Wozzeck* staged by Deborah Warner in Leeds

Window into a tortured soul

Wozzeck
Grand, Leeds

JAMES MCCORMICK



Torn apart: Andrew Shore as Wozzeck and Vivian Tierney as Marie in the Opera North production

IT IS not easy to write rationally after a staging of *Wozzeck* as powerful as Opera North's. I have lost count of the number of times I have seen the piece over the last 37 years, but no other performance has affected me quite so profoundly. How and why is also not easy to say: you can come out of *Wozzeck* angry, or purged through terror, or sometimes just "moved" — an inadequate word for an inadequate response. Here one felt that great truths had been revealed through words and notes of blinding insight: if an opera company were to play *The Magic Flute* and *Wozzeck* on alternate evenings, you would learn all there is to know about humanity, and maybe more than you would want to know.

The company has, of course, the inestimable advantage of a decent-sized theatre in which to play the piece. The immediacy of the sound partly accounts for the impact of the performance. Every *Wozzeck* conductor has to some extent to make a choice between, say, the analytical (Boulez) and the romantic (Abbado). Paul Daniel used the Grand's helpful acoustics to get the best of both worlds: meticulous preparation meant that the musical thought-processes were always apparent — you could follow the elaborate "programme" if you felt so inclined — but throughout it was the sheer beauty and compassion of Berg's music that emerged through textures of chamber-music clarity.

Yet there was no short-changing in the anger, the grotesquerie, the mordant humour (a delicious touch of the Korngolds in the first Inn scene) or the grandeur. The D minor interlude, as it must, stopped the heart.

Within Hildegard Bechtler's eloquently spare decor, wonderfully lit by Jean Kalman, there was a similar immediacy to Deborah Warner's production. No expressionist flim-flam or phoney theatrical gestures: she simply played the text with extraordinary directness and concentration, finding countless insights along the way. The leave-taking of Wozzeck and Marie at the beginning of Act II told you in ten seconds everything about their three-year relationship.

Warner also, with great discretion, suggested the universal running in harness with the particular. When Wozzeck, held helpless in the Drum Major's armlock, gestures desperately to his comrades for help, none comes.

Departures from the strict letter of the text were few and always telling, especially delaying the scene-change after the murder so that the one-note invention was played over Marie's blood-soaked corpse lying in a pool of light, or the final image of the child not on his hobby-horse, but compulsively polishing a pair of shoes — his mother's? — in an echo of an earlier image of servitude.

Perhaps because he seldom sings heroic baritone roles, Andrew Shore has been undervalued: he is one of the most complete operatic artists working in Britain today. This Wozzeck's eyes were truly the windows of his soul, rightly for a man who, as the Captain observes, thinks too much and talks too little. Shore's eyes said what his lips couldn't, conveying the man's violently shifting moods with pitiless clarity. Warner daringly made him hold his stare of dumb despair into the auditorium following the Drum Major's assault for long after the music had stopped. The audience was very, very quiet after that.

Vivian Tierney's beautifully sung, overtly operatic (and none the worse for that) Marie matched Shore in intensity, and Jeffrey Lawton's confidently voiced Captain was a splendid pendant to his recent Tristan. In pursuit of fullness of tone, John Rath swallowed too many of the Doctor's words, a pity, as everyone else projected Richard Stokes's fine new translation clearly. Alan Woodrow's Drum Major was hideously effective, Mark Curtis's Idiot too operatic. But this is a *Wozzeck* in a thousand. Pursue it around the north between now and June 17.

THEATRE: Eliot revived by the RSC; and Ronald Harwood's new thriller of musical skulduggery

Faithful to the finish

Murder in the Cathedral
Swan, Stratford

HAVING recently pattered through the text of Eliot's play, wincing at the banality of its language, my first impression of Steven Pimlott's production is astonished delight that he could make these dull bones sing. Even the hyperventilating women of Canterbury look and sound as though real thoughts and feelings surge beneath their skins, instead of being mere windbags of rhetoric.

Pimlott sets the action in the period it was written in (1935), where the women wear grey winter coats and the three priests are contemporary clerics who might pass as archdeacon, dean and chaplain. The design by Ashley Martin-Davies places a strip of cathedral carpet the length of the thrust stage, ending, just above the front row, at a chalice. Above the chalice hangs a cruciform sword, because this is a Christian drama where all the sentiments turn on a hero's brutal death. The priests call Becket "our lord", which is certainly no accident.

The voices of the women (Sheila Ballantine, Kate Duchêne, Cherry Morris and Sarah Woodward) suggest through emphasis and rhythm such credible emotions of daily life thrown into disarray that the two people responsible for the company's voice work, Andrew Wade and Lyn Darnley, deserve to be named and praised for their contribution.

As the women progress towards hysteria their credibility fades. Eliot identifies them with the cycle of nature, investing this with feelings of despair at a now dysfunctional world, but I could not begin to share their upset: Eliot's Becket, perhaps also the historical Becket, is so far from admirable that the women's world-shaking grief seems undeserved.

When the play was written, in the age of the dictators, Becket's insistence that Church stood above State must have seemed a precautionary counterweight. But — as conditions in today's Poland indicate — when political autocrats depart, priestly autocrats step smartly into their boots.

Intemperance and the easy option of pulling rank are characteristics of Becket; Michael Feast's bony, intelligent ascetic's face excellently suits these prickly emotions. But what really surprised me was the common touch his Becket convincingly brings to the Christmas sermon. His voice breaks, with a hint of laughter, at the notion of doubting God's precisely determined plan. While this sermon lasted I could see what his flock treasured in him.

Pimlott spreads the choral speaking between individuals and group in a lively manner, allowing place for outbursts — and inbursts too, when the priests (Paul Greenwood, Clifford Rose, Robin Soans) run in to force their Archbishop to let them guard him. Pimlott also uses all parts of the theatre; his cast fight in the aisles, comb the galleries, and the knights (Ray Fearon, Guy Henry, Jonathan Phillips, Simon Coury) break in through the arched wooden door to the rear of the stalls. In short, the production is brimful of energy and only fails for me in its unpalatable content. But then, Eliot did not write his play for atheists.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Mad, drunk and a critic

Poison Pen
Royal Exchange, Manchester

BRITAIN's second most famous Heseltine was an unstable alcoholic with a sinister interest in black magic. I refer, of course, to Philip, who combined the careers of musicologist and composer under the name of Peter Warlock. Following the open verdict on his death by gassing in 1930, conventional wisdom has assumed suicide, though his son, a baby at the time, has over the years evolved a theory of murder.

The playwright Ronald Harwood has used the mystery as the basis for a set of sometimes blackly funny variations on the themes of guilt, loneliness and creativity. The new work brings him back to the theatre that launched his success, *The Dresser*, together with its star Tom Courtenay.

There are echoes of the earlier play: the floundering self-destructiveness of genius, the congealing of talent in isolation, helpless loyalty expressed as wry camp. Here the drooping wrist belongs not to Courtenay's abrasive music critic, called Eric, but to his boyfriend, an out-of-work dancer. We meet the two in a state of frightened near-seige, their Chelsea basement flat bombarded by death threats from an unhinged composer whom Eric has accused of plagiarism.

Johanna Bryant's evocative set gives us both the flat and the demon-driven composer's country cottage in a wonderful clutter of pianos (three, though the miniature grand turns out to be a camouflaged wind-up gramophone), gas stove (crucial), rustic fire irons and almost Disney-like tree branches. Urban and rural, rational and fantastic: the theme of duality recurs.

Not to give too much away, the play is a psychological thriller. At the moment a slight imbalance finds a long first half followed by a too-rapid denouement, and a revelation exotic in content and flamboyant in treatment that transforms the whole thing into an egghead's Agatha Christie.

Directed by the writer, there are enjoyable performances. Rhys Ifans does wonders with Eric's lover, a cliché queen who is too often the butt of the author's rib-nudging jokes to the audience. The actor gives him warmth and tenderness, while leaving room for uneasy suspicion of duplicity as the plot thickens.

Emma Amos is equally ambiguous as the composer's mistress, a mixture of whorishness and vulnerable psycho-babble, play-acting at being frightened then genuinely transfixed in catatonic terror. Polly James's Chelsea toper evokes a whole world of afternoon drinking clubs, drifting in twilight from the pages of Patrick Hamilton or Jean Rhys. As the music publisher who represents normality plunged into this baroque world, Michael Simkins looks appropriately baffled.

All hinges on Tom Courtenay. Resembling a cross between D.H. Lawrence and Van Gogh, he initially overdoes the rising vocal inflection that remains stranded in mid-air like a half-built archway, but shows all the intensity of a burnt-out case still blazing. He brings passionate commitment to a climactic mad scene as virtuosic as *Lucia di Lammermoor* and as preposterous as *Psycho*.

MARTIN HOYLE

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It is only halfway through the book that one begins to feel any real grasp of the situation, and even then the introduction of new elements continually disturbs any complacency one might be beginning to feel. But by then one is in the grip of a powerful and moving love story, whose momentum is sustained by nice timing and a fine edge of suspense.

This is the story of a love affair that goes terribly wrong, a passion that destroys Haggard physically as well as mentally. His fleeting but intense affair with the wife of the senior pathologist at the London teaching hospital where he works is brought to a brutal end when the pathologist finds out. He puts pressure on his wife to reject Haggard, and during an angry altercation pushes him down the stairs, crippling him for life.

Haggard tries to rebuild his life in a country practice on the south coast, but cannot or will not tear his mind away from the memory of the flash of happiness he experienced. He kills the pain caused by his shattered pelvis with massive doses of morphia, and occasionally we are led to wonder whether some of his flights of fancy, perhaps even some of his memories, are not the fruits of this habit.

Two years after he last saw his lover, her son walks into his life. It is the summer of 1940 and the young man is a fighter pilot stationed on a nearby airfield. This reawakens all the doctor's memories with terrible vividness. The romantic guise of the beautiful youth heroically defying the invader on the wings of his Spitfire also takes effect. Haggard's feelings for him imperceptibly turn into love, a love intensified by the doctor's discovery that the young man has a hormonal disorder that is gradually transforming him into a woman. Whether this is indeed the case or whether the doctor is merely imagining that his dead lover is returning to him in the body of her son is something we can but guess at, and we are left wondering to what extent the whole story has been pure hallucination — particularly when McGrath's notorious predilection for the gothic suddenly plunges it into another dimension at the end.

It is a beautiful story, impressively told, with a restraint and a grasp of technicality that command belief, and a lyricism that gives the description of the love affair the sort of epic quality rarely found these days. It is also a thoughtful and sometimes brutal exploration of the curious relationship between experience and reality, a grey area that few of us like to probe.

Mervyn Jones hails the publication of a correspondence that sheds vital light on the history of psychoanalysis

Humanity between the lines

Sigmund Freud and his disciple Ernest Jones, between their first meeting in 1908 and Freud's death in 1939, exchanged hundreds of letters which constitute a virtual history of psychoanalysis. After much delay, they have now been published, impeccably edited and annotated by Andrew Paskauskas. Freud's letters confirm what we already know of him. He was resigned to human folly, capable of dry humour, and emotionally reserved. Aware of this trait, he wrote in 1929: "I am not in the habit of expressing affection freely, so that I easily seem indifferent." He commented sharply on his colleagues: "So many were originally neurotic and have chosen the career as a means of holding their neurosis at bay... Secondly, continued work all day in the realm of the unconscious imposes a strain which only the most balanced natures can sustain."

THE COMPLETE CORRESPONDENCE OF SIGMUND FREUD AND ERNEST JONES, 1908-1939
Edited by R. Andrew Paskauskas
Harvard University Press, £29.95

Relations between Freud's followers were not marked by serene cooperation. An angry confrontation in 1923 pitted Jones against one of Freud's Viennese circle, Otto Rank. Freud took Rank's side and told Jones: "I had to find that you had less control with your moods and passions, were less consistent, sincere and reliable than I had a right to expect of you." Jones denied insincerity but admitted: "My Celtic blood gives me a quick reaction and I have not the phlegmatic Anglo-Saxon temperament." A year later, Freud saw that Rank was at fault and made amends. "I am sorry that you, dear Jones, have been proven right to such an extent." He was also sorry, we can surmise, to have been proven wrong to that extent.

Freud's reservations about Jones stemmed partly from his knowledge of the latter's energetic sexual record (Celtic blood perhaps) and a suspicion that the Welshman had harboured designs on Freud's beloved daughter Anna. Jones wrote "she has a beautiful character an will surely be a remarkable wo later on, provided that her sexu repression does not injure her." The forecast was acute and accurate; Anna went on to be a remarkable woman indeed and a lifelong virgin. One episode in Anna's career was a ferocious battle against another remarkable woman, Melanie Klein, whom Jones championed. His long letter explaining their differences is one of the most historically valuable items in the correspondence.

A prejudice shared by the two men was a strong antipathy to the civilisation (or, as they saw it, non-civilisation) of North America. When living in Canada, Jones described Canadians as "a despicable race, exceedingly bourgeois, quite uncultured, very rude and very narrow and pious". He added: "They care for nothing except money making and sport, they chew gum instead of smoking and drinking." On the first day of the first world war, he remarked: "My chief feeling personally is annoyance that America will profit so much to Europe's loss." After that war, Freud found himself in an Austria crippled by defeat and runaway inflation, living mainly on fees paid in hard currency by American patients. But some Americans came to Vienna simply to imbibe his wisdom, and he wrote to Jones irritably: "What is the use of Americans if they bring no money? They are not good for anything else." One wonders how these words will be read today, when three-quarters of the world's psychoanalysts are in the United States.

The shadow of Hitler falls menacingly on the later letters, but Freud has a touching faith that the worst would not come to the worst. He wrote in 1933: "Here, legalised persecution of the Jews would immediately result in the intervention of the League of Nations." By 1937 he admitted: "The invasion of the Nazis can probably not be checked" — and added philosophically: "the only hope remaining is that one will not live to see it oneself. When the invasion came, he was 82 and in the final stage of his painful cancer. Resignation is enough to explain why he was reluctant to leave Vienna, but forceful persuasion by Jones brought him to live out his last days in England — a country for which he had often expressed admiration.

He was dying when Jones wrote the last letter in the long correspondence. "No one can say if we shall see the end of this war, but in any case it has been a very interesting life and we have both made a contribution to human existence." Jones lived to see the end of the war and to pay tribute to the master in his classic three-volume biography, to which these letters make a worthy appendage.

Mervyn Jones is the son of Ernest Jones.

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Freud with his disciple, Jones: "No one can say if we shall see the end of this war," Jones wrote to Freud in 1939, "but it has been a very interesting life and we have both made a contribution to human existence"

PAPERBACKS

ULVERTON
By Adam Thorpe
Minerva, £5.99

THROUGH his myriad characters of both sexes and every class, over a three-hundred-year period, Thorpe conveys a compelling sense of the history of the fictional village of Ulverton. Each chapter is a monologue and with the range of his voices, from a Civil War soldier to a modern-day property developer, Thorpe creates a distillation of England that never loses its integrity, even if the dialects are sometimes impenetrable. One character even vows to join the English Dialect Society after failing to understand "a provincially immured inhabitant".

THE LAST MAGICIAN
By Janette Turner Hospital
Virago, £5.99

THREE Queensland schoolchildren implicated in a fatal railway accident spend their adult lives searching for a tantalising fourth, who took the blame. Beneath their professional carapaces, high-court judge Robinson Gray, photographer Charlie Chang and documentary film-maker Catherine Reed descend ever deeper through the circles of Hell, guided in the horrific Sydney underworld by all-pitying, all-identifying hooker Lucy. The author draws on chaos theory and a fine imagination to examine guilt, lust, memory and the exquisite pain of attachment, putting contemporary urban life under the microscope, to disturbing and memorable effect.

HIGHER GROUND
By Caryl Phillips
Picador, £5.99

THE three stories in *Higher Ground* cover daring spans of time and setting. Each is concerned with enslavement and with the ambiguous benefits of survival. In "Heartland" a young African collaborates with the colonists, but is despised alike by his masters and his own people. In "The Cargo Rap" a prison lifer meditates with passionate intensity on his black birthright. In the title section, the "crazy Polish bitch" finds herself unable to escape the enormous inertial pull of her racial past. Despite the apparent discontinuity of the narrative, *Higher Ground* has the coherence of a novel, which is the identity Phillips boldly claims for it. This is his most impressive work to date.

GLITTERING MICA
By Jessie Kesson
Virago, £5.99

WRITTEN 20 years earlier than the famous *Another Time, Another Place*, this is the vibrant evocation of life in the Scottish farming parish of Caldwell. Hugh Riddell, head dairyman at Darklands Farm, recalls a vivid childhood: the powerful presence of his father, the dour, dominating stoicism of his mother, hard years lit up by seasonal songs and drunkenness. Now his own marriage has foundered in bitterness, and his plain, educated daughter is beyond reach. Darkness and pain are lit up by humour and the rhythm of work; the voice of Riddell moves fluidly into other voices: gossips, wanton women, fellow dairymen. First published in 1963, it feels timeless.

ONE OF US (final edition)
By Hugo Young
Pan, £9.99

LATE in 1980, following yet another murder attributed to the Yorkshire Ripper, Mrs Thatcher summoned the home secretary, Willie Whitelaw and announced she was going to Leeds to take personal charge of the investigation. After a lot of argument he managed to restrain her. Hugo Young's biography, which is full of little-known and revealing material such as this, provides an informative and immensely readable account of her political career. While opposed to everything she stood for and most of what she did, the *Guardian* columnist is on the whole extremely fair in his judgments. First published in 1989 to coincide with the tenth anniversary of her premiership, the book has been fully revised, and Young has added three new chapters, dealing with the last beleaguered years, the fall from power and a final assessment. A *tour de force*.

●*Contributors: Katherine Bergen, Alison Burns, Sue Gee, Brian Morton, Philippa Ingram*

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THE TIMES THE THEATRE CLUB

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Queen Elizabeth Hall
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National Maritime Museum, Greenwich
June 24-25, 9pm; 27, 2pm
Highbury Fields, Highbury Corner
June 30-July 1, 9pm.
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Tuke Hall, Regent's College
June 30, July 2, 7, 8, 8pm; July 4, 4pm
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Scenes from a battle royal

Richard Hough

THE ROYAL FAMILY AT WAR
By Theo Aronson
John Murray, £17.99



George VI inspecting bomb damage in 1940: he worked with total dedication throughout the second world war

Persuaded against her will to leave London at the outbreak of war in 1939, Queen Mary departed for Badminton in her enormous and ancient Daimler, as upright as its passenger, heading a cavalcade of cars accommodating her staff of 60, excluding dependants, and 70 pieces of personal luggage. An impromptu halt at a wayside inn led later to her dispatching a present to the publican — a silver chain. "A most suitable souvenir," remarked Prince Philip.

The same Daimler was later used as if it were an off-road, four-wheel drive vehicle to transport Queen Mary and her long-suffering "wooding squad" about the grounds of the estate for attacks on ivy and undergrowth. There are some very funny moments in Theo Aronson's book, many concerning Queen Mary whom he rightly regards with immense admiration.

Aronson is among the few royal biographers who combines elegance, wit, scholarship and unceasing readability. His manners are always fastidious, to the point that he risks a solecism by calling Queen Elizabeth II's sister Princess Margaret throughout rather than the disliked Margaret Rose of her childhood.

The author also understands the art of stitching together the numerous cast of his narrative covering the second world war, which includes near royals, foreign royals (some of them pretty disreputable) and members of the nobility like the Buccleuchs, the Beauchamps, and Beauforts, to the Sitwells, Somersets and Strathmores.

The Duke and Duchess of Windsor figure prominently and not at all favourably. Aronson finding little — or no — good in the abdicated monarch and his twice-divorced wife. In 1940, as Europe fell apart and they were holed up in the Madrid Ritz, they were more preoccupied with Wallis being accorded full royal honours than the fate of their nation. King George VI and Churchill agreed that as admirers of Hitler and Nazism, they must be kept out of Britain altogether. Aronson quotes Wallis on her brother-in-law: "The reign of George VI is a split-level matriarchy in pants. Queen Mary runs the King's wife, and the wife runs the King."

Some of this material, thanks to Michael Bloch's books, is now well known. But there are also plenty of new, or little known stories here. Aronson is a great admirer of the late Princess Alice of Athlone, and clearly knew her well. This amusing nonagenarian, granddaughter of Queen Victoria, spent most of the war in Canada as wife of the governor-general and hostess to passing guests like the Duke of Kent, and sealed a friendship with the Roosevelts when good Anglo-American relations were vital.

Another frequent guest was her godson, and Kaiser Wilhelm II's grandson, Prince Friedrich of Prussia, who was incarcerated in a camp on the Plains of Abraham, Quebec. Whenever Alice stayed at the Citadel, headquarters of the governor general of Canada, he would be invited to tea, and "would sit, happily chatting away in German" with his godmother.

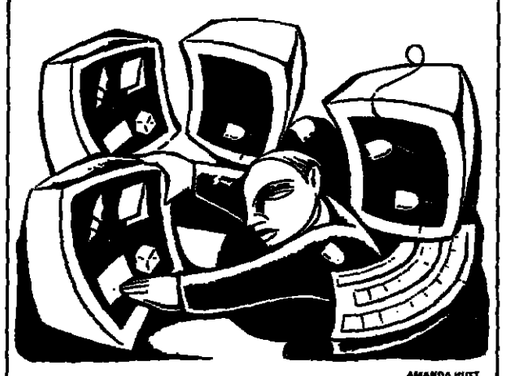
The German roots of the royal family had been a gnawing embarrassment in the first world war. Now in the second there were the Darmstadt Hessians, including Prince Christopher, a Luftwaffe pilot. The Duchess of Kent's sister Olga was another example. As the wife of Prince Paul of Yugoslavia, she was invited to England by George VI to give solace to the bereaved Duchess of Kent. But Paul signed a pact with the Nazis before being banished. He was described in Parliament as a traitor, and Olga as "a sinister woman", which was highly embarrassing for the king.

But it is George VI, and his consort, who are at the heart of this book. "Bertie" had asserted his manhood and demonstrated his courage at the Battle of Jutland in 1916, and now worked with total dedication throughout this war, thankful to have at last what he called "a definite job". Aronson depicts him affectionately, even if he seems to depend rather too much on Sarah Bradford's recent biography than the sounder and maturer Wheeler-Bennett official life.

A number of the subsidiary characters illuminate these pages, too: the Duke of Gloucester guffawing good-naturedly as he searched fruitlessly for his "definite job"; his eldest brother committing howler after howler in the Bahamas; Queen Mary, unrecognised, picking up American soldier hitchhikers, bemusing them with comments like, "Perhaps we should still be one country, if my great-grandfather hadn't been so obstinate"; Beatrice Lillie in mysteriously deep conversation with George VI in North African heat. Later, asked "What *did* you talk about?" she answered, "Diarrhoea".

The Royal Family at War makes joyous reading without a touch of malice, though Earl Mountbatten of Burma is described as "merely one of the King's second cousins", and Osbert Sitwell loses his baronetcy altogether.

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10.10	Christie	43	...	...	...	...	
787.70	Chubb Sec	282	+ 8	...	1.2	31.2	
2.89	Comcas	45 †	+10½	...	4.2	∞	
5.20	Corp Services	17½	+ ½	...	...	...	
12.80	Dani	84	+ 4	3.3	4.0	9.5	
218.20	Davis Service	215	+ 1½	...	4.3	∞	
5.05	EW Face a	98	...	4.3	5.7	10.8	
57.00	Gardiner	26	+ 2	0.6	3.2	18.0	
9.05	Gardner (DC)	38	- 1	...	4.3	6.2	
522.70	Hetherton Ben	399	+15	16.0	5.0	13.8	
6,836.50	Lloyds	534	+17	18.4	4.3	15.3	
51.30	Lon Scot Bk	86	...	3.0	4.4	17.0	
5,153.50	Nat Aust Bk	415½	- 4½	...	4.9	14.4	
7,743.30	Nat West	469	+15	17.5	4.7	28.5	
474.50	Provident	356	+6	11.4	4.0	10.2	
16.50	Rea Bros	42	+ 1	0.5	1.5	44.6	
2,137.90	Ryl Bk Scot	272 †	+ 8	8.8	4.0	...	
952.70	Schroders	948 †	+18	...	1.5	18.9	
1,720.70	Stand Chart	723	+ 4	20.0	3.5	...	
2,755.20	TSB	181½	+ 7½	8.4	4.4	...	
26.40	Union Disc	139	+ 9	...	...	...	
1,444.30	Warburg SG	653	+21	18.0	3.3	19.9	
95.30	-do- 9% 'A'	224	- b	...	3.5	...	
3,780.90	Wells Fargo	662½	+7½	...	1.5	...	
2,945.40	Westpac	168	+ 7	...	4.5	...	
17.40	Wintrust	205	...	9.3	5.7	7.9	

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

590.20	Allied Colloids	325	...	3.9	2.2	17.9	
378.80	Amersham	668	+ 5	12.5	2.3	24.8	
32.20	Anglo Ind	7½	...	0.8	...	...	
5,174.50	BASF DM	90625	+315%	...	7.7	...	
1,697.50	BTP	265	+16	9.3	4.5	20.8	
6,930.30	Bayer DM50	6105%	+300	...	4.4	...	
82.80	Blagden	178	+ 8	9.5	6.7	19.2	
67.80	Brent Chems	130	-10	7.4	7.1	∞	
148.20	Br Bio-Tech	415	-15	...	...	...	
13.50	Calod Gp	25	+ 1½	1.3	6.6	15.8	
39.10	Cimring (W)	138	+11	7.2	6.6	15.8	
2,201.50	Coornaulds	549	...	13.0	3.0	14.9	
357.60	Croda	273	+ 2	7.75b	3.5	∞	
14.60	Doeflex	157	...	4.6	4.2	10.5	
162.10	Ellis & Everard	197	- 1	7.0	4.5	18.8	
7.33	Euro Colour	24½	- ½	0.6	3.3	...	
84.60	Halstead (J)	285	...	...	2.6	14.3	
408.80	Hickson	236	...	8.0	4.2	∞	
5,802.10	Hoechst	9812½	+350	...	3.9	...	
181.50	Holliday Chems	215	...	...	2.2	19.8	
9,043.10	ICI	1283	+20	95.0	5.4	31.4	
1,198.40	Laporte	625	...	19.5	3.9	∞	
116.50	Leigh	184	+ 3	7.8	5.3	15.0	
7.71	MTM	9½	- ½	...	...	...	
3,466.10	Norsk Hydro	16875	+195	...	1.7	∞	
102.20	Paterson Zoch	410	...	11.4	3.4	18.1	
85.10	-do- 'A'	370	...	11.4	3.0	16.0	
126.60	Plysu	267	...	6.0	2.8	18.0	
32.30	Polvair	210	+ 1	3.6	2.1	22.5	
15.50	Quantile Speak	30	...	...	...	...	
107.40	Wardle Storeys	435	- 7	16.0	4.6	17.5	
31.90	Wiksnhire R	450	+ 5	17.0	4.7	15.4	
181.10	Yorks Chem	398	+ 2	...	3.4	21.3	
265.40	Yule Catto	289	- 2	5.9	2.6	∞	

DRAPERY, STORES

24.60	Alexon	85	+ 1	3.0	4.4	...	
89.60	Amber Day	77	...	3.1	5.1	20.8	
997.80	Argos Plc	3025	+ 75	...	2.9	20.8	
238.30	Ashley (Laura)	110	+15	0.1	0.1	∞	
227.40	Asprey A	285	...	...	2.1	23.1	
6.11	Austin Reed	233 †	- 2	5.0	2.7	∞	
64.80	Beattie (J) 'A'	140 †	+ 15	6.0	5.4	∞	
45.70	Bencalls	109 †	- ½	1.9	2.2	...	
233.80	Bestwood	265	+ 4	...	0.6	26.6	
9.22	Blacks Leis	29	+ 4	3.3	...	6.0	
366.90	Body Shop	196	- 7	1.7	1.1	∞	
70.90	Brown & Jackso	159	+ ½	...	0.6	∞	
255.30	Brown (N)	280	+ 8	7.0	2.5	∞	
1,213.10	Burton	864	+ 69	...	2.9	...	
23.80	Cantors	143	...	...	2.3	19.0	
38.30	Church	355	...	12.5	4.4	31.6	
24.80	Clinton Cards	146	- 5	4.3	3.6	17.6	
1,349.10	Clnte Vyella	233	- 1	...	3.8	20.7	
18.40	Colourvision a	91	+ 5	...	...	15.4	
122.20	Courts Furnish	501	+ 6	9.0	1.2	25.1	
2.19	Crown Eyea	139	+ 2	...	9.5	6.4	
1,734.50	Daily Farm Intl	105	- 5	...	3.2	∞	
79.80	Dewhirst (J)	94½	+ 1½	1.0	1.9	20.7	
841.00	Dixons Grp	214	+ 7	8.0	3.5	25.2	
680.10	Dunhill	400	- 3	7.7	2.4	13.9	
10.90	Elka Cp	18	+ 5	...	...	...	
5.82	Elys (Wimbldn)	485	+85	16.0	4.3	16.2	
11.60	Etsex Farn	101	...	...	...	18.1	
156.10	Exam	239	+ 1	6.9	3.7	21.4	
435.70	Fine Art Dev	548	+ 2	12.7	3.0	∞	
2.17	First Earth Tiles	38	...	...	...	...	
15.30	Forminster	498	...	12.5	3.1	10.4	
6.90	French Conn a	91	+ 2	...	...	...	
5.16	Gabbitas a	44	...	...	2.0	8.8	
17.70	Gelo Pic	64	...	2.0	3.1	14.4	
9.95	Goldsmiths Gp	45	...	0.3	0.8	∞	
158.80	GUS	2913	...	40.0	1.7	25.2	
3,423.80	-do- 'A'	1625	+ 2	40.0	3.1	12.9	
4.19	Hadgden Grp a	35	...	...	1.6	17.7	
83.80	Harrisons a	80	...	12.5	3.1	10.4	
26.40	Helene Pic	22	+ ½	...	2.0	17.4	∞
1.99	Heritage a	45	- ½	...	...	...	
4.95	Horsevalley	61	- 1	...	2.0	8.5	
10.90	Hse of Lerose	192	...	10.3	5.4	∞	
7.41	Jacques Vert	78	- 7	2.0	...	...	
3,018.90	Kingfisher	600	+21	...	2.0	15.2	
23.10	Lkstr Wise Gp	99½	...	4.8	2.5	13.7	
106.20	Liberty	680 †	+20	20.0	2.9	∞	
358.40	Lloyds Chem	304	- 4	9.5	3.1	11.0	
786.50	MFI	157	+ 1	...	3.4	19.3	
9,821.90	Marks Spencer	468	+ 4	12.0	2.6	21.2	
679.00	Menzies (John)	450	+ 4	10.0	2.5	19.2	
27.90	Mors Bros	167	- 1	5.5	4.1	∞	
618.10	Next	167½	+11	3.5	1.9	∞	
8.10	Oliver (G)	9	+ ½	...	...	...	
120.20	Oriflame Intl	216	...	...	3.6	13.0	
82.70	Pentos	97	+ 9½	1.5	1.5	15.8	
112.80	QS Hldgs	35½	...	...	2.1	20.5	
65.30	Rattery Group	270	...	6.0	2.2	...	
14.10	Rees Grpa	30½	...	...	...	...	
25.20	Revelys	135	...	...	4.0	∞	
182.40	Sherwood Grp	184	- 1	2.6	2.6	∞	
1,537.10	Sears	102 †	- 1	4.5	4.3	∞	
1,295.20	Smiths Wh 'A'	445	- 3	13.4	2.9	15.6	
1.40	Specialsyswa	2	...	...	...	...	
839.10	Storehouse	324	- 7	9.0	2.1	...	
98.40	T & S Stores	158	- 4	5.0	4.8	11.5	
65.40	Tie Rack	131	+ 4	...	3.0	21.3	
133.80	Tidor Products	236	...	...	7.6	4.4	∞
0.43	Usher (Frances	4½	- ½	...	...	7.3	
19.50	Vyrol	34	+ 1	1.0	2.7	10.5	
2.69	Wensome a	3½	...	...	6.3	...	
340.30	Wickes	111	- 3	...	...	49.5	
4.07	Wld of Leathera	98	...	...	...	...	
60.50	Wyevalea	70	- 5	...	2.5	∞	
5.78	Xtra-vision a	3½	...	...	...	3.7	

ELECTRICALS

222.80	ACT Group	158	...	...	4.5	36.1	
34.60	Arcala	138	...	...	...	31.1	
97.10	Acorn Compa	98	...	...	...	...	
46.40	Amstrad	46	...	5.4	1.6	9.6	
59.70	Alba	78	...	...	4.7	4.9	
10.30	Alphameric	18	...	...	...	...	
191.80	Amstrad	193	...	0.4	...	...	
16.40	App Holos	23	+ ½	...	...	...	
1.43	Arfon	2	...	...	...	...	
124.70	Asarc	134	...	...	...	...	
97.80	Beales Hester	375	- 6	9.2	4.2	16.5	
5.93	Bennett & Fount	9	...	...	...	...	
1,252.40	BICC	868	- 7	19.2	6.5	24.7	
120.00	Bltek	284	...	9.3	3.4	18.5	
486.60	Burlando	1650	+150	...	...	...	
2.06	Bwyth (AP) 'A'	3	+ ½	0.1	1.6	...	
47.00	Bumfield	157	+ 5	5.1	3.2	16.4	
1,775.80	Cable Wireless	776	- 5½	15.4	2.0	...	
14.80	Chloride	19	- ½	...	...	...	
43.40	CML Micros	251	...	...	2.4	16.5	
16.00	Comply People	115	- 11	0.6	0.7	...	
303.40	Cray Elect	150	+ 8	...	0.4	12.5	
36.80	Crichtlev	370	+ 5	...	2.7	22.6	
14.30	Dale	128	...	...	3.5	12.7	
806.40	Delta	540	-26	14.0	2.6	∞	
12.40	Desmears Ele	238	...	...	...	22.1	
133.40	Dotebird	521	+ 1	...	1.7	23.3	
93.50	Dowding Mills	170	+ 1	2.5	1.5	18.9	
60.40	Druclea	103	...	...	...	16.3	
490.50	Electrocomponts	398	...	7.0	1.8	20.9	
45.30	El Data Pr	55	...	3.1	5.7	15.2	
20.90	Electron House	81	...	2.1	2.6	24.7	
11.80	Emess	29½	+ ½	0.1	0.8	...	
254.50	Eurotherm	370	+ 5	9.0	2.4	24.9	
592.40	FKI	154	- 1	8.0	5.2	21.9	
9,821.90	Marks Spencer	468	+ 4	12.0	2.6	21.2	
679.00	Menzies (John)	450	+ 4	10.0	2.5	19.2	
27.90	Mors Bros	167	- 1	5.5	4.1	∞	
618.10	Next	167½	+11	3.5	1.9	∞	
8.10	Oliver (G)	9	+ ½	...	...	...	
120.20	Oriflame Intl	216	...	...	3.6	13.0	
82.70	Pentos	97	+ 9½	1.5	1.5	15.8	
112.80	QS Hldgs	35½	...	...	2.1	20.5	
65.30	Rattery Group	270	...	6.0	2.2	...	
14.10	Rees Grpa	30½	...	...	...	...	
25.20	Revelys	135	...	...	4.0	∞	
182.40	Sherwood Grp	184	- 1	2.6	2.6	∞	
1,537.10	Sears	102 †	- 1	4.5	4.3	∞	
1,295.20	Smiths Wh 'A'	445	- 3	13.4	2.9	15.6	
1.40	Specialsyswa	2	...	...	...	...	
839.10	Storehouse	324	- 7	9.0	2.1	...	
98.40	T & S Stores	158	- 4	5.0	4.8	11.5	
65.40	Tie Rack	131	+ 4	...	3.0	21.3	
133.80	Tidor Products	236	...	...	7.6	4.4	∞
0.43	Usher (Frances	4½	- ½	...	...	7.3	
19.50	Vyrol	34	+ 1	1.0	2.7	10.5	
2.69	Wensome a	3½	...	...	6.3	...	
340.30	Wickes	111	- 3	...	...	49.5	
4.07	Wld of Leathera	98	...	...	...	...	
60.50	Wyevalea	70	- 5	...	2.5	∞	
5.78	Xtra-vision a	3½	...	...	...	3.7	

BUILDING, ROADS

42.00	Abbey	110	- 5	...	1.2	39.7	
9.10	Alfred McAlpine a	16	...	...	...	...	
21.50	Allens	68	...	...	...	8.4	10.8
191.80	Amec	68	...	...	3.0	3.9	∞
2.15	Argyll Sec	9½	...	...	...	...	
46.20	Ashtead a	139	+ 3	4.1	2.3	25.6	
338.40	Arwards	130	...	9.3	4.5	20.8	
1,168.20	BPB Ind	526	- 5	...	4.0	25.1	
34.50	Bargercice Brt	47	...	...	2.1	4.5	29.2
2.98	Bailey (Ben) Con	8	...	...	0.5	...	
19.40	Barcom	38	- 1	...	1.2	1.8	16.0
240.80	Barratt Devs	144	- 3	...	2.8	14.1	
102.90	Beazer	78	- 1	...	...	12.8	
4.44	Bellwinter a	8½	...	...	...	...	
137.60	Bellway Plc	478	+16	...	1.8	28.8	
10.80	Ben Bros	20	...	...	...	2.9	
12.80	Bicclerys	30	...	...	...	...	
1,773.90	Blue Circle	410	+ 14	11.5	3.5	∞	
72.90	Bovis (Henry)	180	+ 4	...	5.6	25.5	15.7
26.70	Brandon PLC	40	+ 1	...	4.6	8.1	12.1
18.20	Br Dredging	109	+ 1	...	5.2	8.1	38.5
16.40	Brit Palings	80	+ 2	...	1.5	3.7	...
408.70	Bryant	356	- 4	12.5	4.0	31.9	
27.50	CALA	116	+ 2	6.0	3.2	18.0	
783.00	CRH	570	+ 16	...	3.4	17.3	
1.08	Calednead Rts	3½	...	...	...	...	
78.30	C-Tech	34	- 1	...	...	...	
80.40	Concentric	134	+ 2	4.1	3.8	36.4	
47.40	Crest Nicholson	82	+ 2	0.0	...	...	
12.10	Cussins	18	...	...	...	...	
4.25	Dunstone	17	...	...	...	...	
10.00	Edmond Hides	11½	...	0.5	3.3	...	
44.30	Epwin	74	- 4	2.5	3.5	∞	
15.30	Erith	5½	...	0.3	0.6	∞	
35.20	Eve Groups a	56	...	...	3.5	12.7	
188.20	Everal Bardon	196	- 6	2.0	4.8	24.4	
7.23	Explanone	24	...	...	...	...	
9.19	Freeman Gps a	134 †	...	...	4.7	21.3	
37.30	Galliford	65	...	4.5	...	16.9	
1.10	Gibbs & Dandy	4½	...	...	...	...	
79.50	Gleeson (M)	78	- 13	12.1	3.8	12.9	
218.30	Hawden-Stuart	178	+ 1	12.5	3.4	11.3	
4.31	Hesetoun	13½	...	1.5	...	49.9	
199.70	Hewd (Wm)	210	- 1	11.5	4.3	...	
31.70	Higgs & Hill	87	...	2.5	2.9	...	
12.40	Hire Gp	30	+ 1	0.5	1.6	...	
152	Howard Hldgs	152	...	7.5	4.9	...	
162.70	Hrdock Johnsen	175	- 1	7.0	3.9	...	
4.25	Ivers	7	- ½	...	...	...	
121.60	Laing (J)	265	- 4	9.0	4.2	...	
5.94	Lo Cyprianou	8½	...	...	4.5	8.5	24.0
17.60	Lovell (R)	128	...	...	...	7.7	18.8
114.80	Marders	378	+ 1	...	3.7	18.8	
384.63	Marley	178	+ 1	...	4.2	9.8	10.2
108.30	Marshalls	290	+ 1	...	...	29.1	
38.40	Maunders (J)	158	+ 3	...	4.6	14.3	
107.30	McAlpine (A)	290	+ 1	...	0.5	4.3	32.0
25.30	McCarthy & S	36	+ 1	...	0.5	...	

INDUSTRIALS

45.50	AAF Inds	153	...	...	5.6	12.1	
423.10	AAH	896	-16	16.5	4.1	15.1	
19.10	ASM	48	...	1.5	5.8	9.7	
290.50	AFV	98	...	5.4	4.8	9.3	
159.00							

REPORTING THIS WEEK

M&S to push further ahead

MARKS and Spencer, Britain's leading clothing retailer, headed by Richard Greenbury, should prove its resilience again by bucking the gloomy trend and unveiling another solid set of full-year results tomorrow.

Tight cost control will have played a major part in boosting earnings, but analysts think a strong fourth-quarter performance may have helped M&S drive sales forward in the second half, after a sluggish first half. Most expect M&S's more aggressive pricing stance to have increased market share.

Analysts anticipate solid growth in sales, but are hoping for an indication from M&S that consumer spending is really picking up. There are doubts, however, whether M&S can win back the title of most profitable stores group in the UK, with the £732 million target recently set by J Sainsbury likely to be just out of M&S's reach.

Zak Keshavjee, at Williams de Broë, thinks M&S will receive a boost as a result of a long overdue bounce in clothing sales and a surprise improvement in food sales, which account for over 40 per cent of total sales. Mr Keshavjee is looking for final pre-tax profits to advance to £725 million (£623.5 million). Market forecasts range from £705 million to £730 million. Earnings are expected to climb to 17.3p (14.8p) a share, with a net dividend of 7.7p (7.1p) predicted.

"Throughout the recession their margins and cost controls have been extremely good; when conditions improve, they are going to see a healthy upturn," Rowan Morgan, retail analyst at Nikko, said. He forecasts final profits of £720 million and a total dividend of 7.6p.



Recession ... what recession? Richard Greenbury is likely to announce higher profits at Marks and Spencer

TODAY

Whitbread kicks off the brewers reporting season with probable pre-tax profits of £223 million (£221.6 million), according to Michelle Proud at NatWest Securities. Market forecasts range from £215 million to £254 million. An improved dividend of 17.5p (16.9p) is anticipated.

Many analysts think Whitbread, with its heavy exposure to south-east England and its strong commitment to retailing ventures, should be among the best placed of Britain's national brewers to take advantage of an upturn in confidence.

The retailing division, which accounts for around half the group's profits, has been led higher by the performance of its 1,600-strong managed house pub estate, which is expected to show that beer and food sales have moved higher. Elsewhere in the division, analysts said Beefeater restaurants are likely to have seen some pickup in trade, but there are fears that Threshers wine shops will have been hit by the relaxation in cross-Channel trade in beer, wine and spirits at the start of this year, which has led to a rise in imports.

Interims: Foreign & Colonial Eurotrust, M & G Group, SEP Industrial. **Finals:** Allied-Lyons, Baring Stratton Inv Tst, Berry Birch & Noble, British Inv Trust, Govett American Endeavour Fund, Hartons Group, Ryan Hotels, Whitbread.

TOMORROW

Allied-Lyons, the food and drinks group, is likely turn in a static annual profits performance, held back by tough trading in the UK and continental Europe, while signs of any pick-up in US trading is likely to be patchy.

BZW expects Allied to boost final profits to £608 million (£599 million) and lift its dividend to 21p (20p). Market forecasts range from £603 million to £625 million.

British Airways is expected to reports a slide in final pre-tax profits to £215 million (£285 million), according to Credit Lyonnais Laing. Market forecasts range from £175 million to £230 million.

BA will be one of very few world airlines to make a profit last year, but the outlook could be clouded by a fourth quarter loss. Some in the Square Mile appeared to be convinced last week that BA plans to land a rights issue at the time of the results in order to bolster its balance sheet.

Hanson, Lord Hanson's industrial conglomerate, is likely to report relatively flat interim pre-tax profits of £500 million, including £40 million of expected disposal gains, according to UBS. Market forecasts range from £483 million to £506 million. Earnings are predicted to fall to 7.4p (8.5p) a share, with a dividend of 2.85p (2.75p) anticipated.

BOC Group, the industrial gases and healthcare company, is expected to report first half pre-tax profits between £178 million and £185 million, compared with £162.7 million last time. Growth in the market is slowing, particularly in the Far East, and there are few signs of an upturn in the US. Healthcare should show an improvement, helped by restructuring.

Interims: Archimedes Inv Trust, BOC Group, Concentric, Diploma, Fenner, Hanson, Sedgwick Group (Q1), Yorkshire-Tyne Tees, H Young Holdings. **Finals:** British Airways, Elswick, Foreign & Colonial German, Hartlepools Water, Marks & Spencer. **Economic statistics:** CBI survey of distributive trades (April), UK acquisitions and mergers (Q1), index of production (March), financing of government borrowing requirement (Q1), monetary statistics including: M4 sectoral analysis; bank and building society sterling lending; (Q1).

WEDNESDAY

Bass is expected to report a fall in interim pre-tax profits to £256 million (£260 million), according to NatWest Securities. Market forecasts range from £245 million to £256 million. Brewing may see some growth and hotels should recover but Bass's retail division will suffer a downturn reflecting a drastic reduction in the group's pub numbers. A seemingly poor financial performance could be good news as some analysts believe the group will emerge with enhanced market share.

Interims: Acatos & Hutcheson, Anglo Irish Bank Corp, Baggeridge Brick, Bass, Commercial Union (Q1), Compass Group, Dunedin Worldwide Inv, Group Dev Capital Trust, Leeds Group, M & G Income Inv Trust, New Zealand Inv Trust, Wills Corroon (Q1). **Finals:** Baris Holdings, Chamberlain & Hill, El Oro Mining & Exploration, Exploration Co, Fulcrum Inv Trust (4ID), Frank G Gates, M & G Recovery Inv Trust, Young & Co Brewery. **Economic statistics:** Retail sales (April), public sector borrowing requirement (April).

THURSDAY

Rowan Morgan, retail analyst at Nikko, the Japanese securities house, expects Storehouse, the BhS to Mothercare retailing group, to report final pre-tax profits of £43 million (£15.8 million). Market forecasts range from £42 million to £48 million. Mr Morgan predicts a total dividend of 5.2p (5p), reflecting signs of confidence in the group's future performance.

He expects an upturn in sales and improved margins to help BhS boost its profits to £47.5 million (£22.1 million), while a reasonable turnround at Mothercare should see it contribute profits of about £4.5 million, compared with a loss of £3.9 million last time.

NatWest Securities expects **Scottish Power** to kick off the electricity results by generating final pre-tax profits of £310 million (£260 million). A net dividend of 11.25p (10.13p) is predicted.

Interims: British Gas (Q1), Hunterprint Group, National Australia Bank, Southern Radio. **Finals:** Airflow Streamline, Drayton Blue Chip Trust, Drayton English & Intl Trust, Ferguson Intnl, French Connection, Gerrard & National, King & Shaxson, Kunick, Martin Currie Eur Inv, Merchant Retail, New Throgmorton Trust, Scottish Power, Smith St Aubyn, Stamin, Storehouse, Westbury, York Waterhouse. **Economic statistics:** Provisional figures of vehicle production (April), labour market statistics: unemployment and unfilled vacancies (April-provisional); average earnings indices (March-prov); employment, hours, productivity and unit wage costs; industrial disputes, long term unemployment (quarterly analysis of unemployment by age and duration) (April), machine tools (March).

FRIDAY

Interims: Albion, Richards. **Finals:** Daks Simpson, Mezzanine Capital & Income, Ocean Wilson Holdings, Worth Inv Trust. **Economic statistics:** Retail prices index (April), major British banking groups' monthly statement (April), provisional estimates of monetary aggregates (April), building societies monthly figures (April).

PHILIP PANGALOS

Small firms are still fighting to beat recession

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

NATIONAL Westminster Bank and the Small Business Research Trust say business confidence among small business owners has grown. But in their latest quarterly survey they still find some signs that recession has not yet ended for Britain's small firms.

The proportion of small firms reporting an increase in sales rose from 34.7 per cent in the first quarter of 1992 to 38 per cent in the first quarter of 1993. Those reporting a decline fell from 43.9 to 42.1 per cent. Respondents reporting an increase in investment also rose, from 17 to 18.9 per cent, with those recording a decline falling from 38.1 to 30.2 per cent.

Jane Bradford, head of small business services at NatWest, said: "Recession has hit small businesses hard and, as a result, they are understandably cautious about recovery. Although there are clearly some signs that recovery in the small business sector is under way, low turnover and lack of business are still the most common problems for small firms."

The survey points out some signs that recovery among larger companies may be slow in filtering down to small companies, with lack of business still seen as a particularly strong problem by small caterers, business services and small construction firms that are also being hit by slow payment.

Meanwhile, about 45 companies due to attend the Hoare Govett Smaller Companies Exhibition at the Barbican in the City of London this Thursday are optimistic of attracting further interest in an already outperforming sector. In the six months to April, the Hoare Govett Smaller Companies Index, which tracks the performance of more than 1,200 smaller quoted companies, showed a capital gain of 32 per cent, excluding investment trusts, and outperformed the FTA all-share index by 21.5 per cent.

Patrick O'Bryan, smaller companies analyst at Hoare Govett, said: "A capital gain of more than 30 per cent reflects how smaller companies have come back into favour. However, investors are only interested in companies with good management and improving balance sheets, which can grow with the opportunities that arise as we come out of recession."

Baroness Denton of Wakefield, the DTI's spokeswoman in the House of Lords and the department's minister with special responsibility for small firms, will make the opening address at the Barbican exhibition.

Sleepy Kids hopes for liftoff from Budgie

BY OUR CITY STAFF

SLEEPY Kids, the cartoon animation company, is hoping that its Budgie The Little Helicopter children's story character created by the Duchess of York, will awaken its fortunes after it unveiled deeper losses and a £1.2 million rights issue.

Martin Powell, chairman, and Sleepy Kids' other directors believe Budgie is "one of the most exciting animation and merchandising projects currently available, which will have a significant impact on the company's prospects".

Prototypes of metal Budgie toys have already been produced and other spin-offs in the pipeline range from a comic, colouring and sticker books, toiletries, iron-on transfers to Budgie socks.

Sleepy Kids has asked shareholders for another £1.2 million via a fully underwritten one-for-three rights issue, at 18p a share, to help it take direct financial involvement in the core cartoon series.

The company unveiled increased pre-tax losses of £356,243 in the year to end-October (£155,927 loss). There is again no dividend.

GILT-EDGED

Short answer to budget deficit

The gilt market is starting to come to terms with the magnitude of the funding burden that lies ahead. Monthly gilt auctions mean that fresh supply is never far from the centre of investors' concerns. Gradually the yield gap between gilts and foreign bonds is rising and imposing a handicap on UK companies seeking to finance investment through long-term capital markets. Real yields are higher than in France or Germany. This is prompting calls for a change in official funding strategy.

One route the authorities could take to relieve funding pressures on long-term rates is to finance more of the budget deficit in shorts. This would dovetail neatly with the borrowing preferences of the private sector, to judge by the current weak trend in corporate loan demand at banks. Indeed, the Chancellor's decision in March to modify the "full funding rule" to allow as funding the net purchases of gilts of banks and building societies seemed to herald a stream of 0-5 year gilt issues. The short maturity of such stocks would appeal especially to such institutions. In fact, there has been no big swing towards issuance of shorts.

The US Treasury has given a lead in this. The plan is to halve the frequency of 30-year US Treasury issues, with the shortfall made up by extra sales of short paper. In the US, there is a strong incentive to go this way since two-year yields are more than three percentage points below 30-year yields. There is significant saving, at least in terms of current debt servicing, in substituting short-dated for long-dated borrowings. Governments do not usually speculate on the hypothetical costs of refinancing short-term borrowings should interest rates rise in the course of their life, the US Administration being no exception.

There is no guarantee that banks and building societies would want to step up their gilt purchases appreciably. Their purchases so far this year, it is true, have been stronger than seemed likely in the light of their past behaviour. But even if these institutions were to maintain a rate of gilt acquisition of about £1 billion a month, which would double their holdings within a year, it would still cover only 25 per cent of the government's annual funding need. There would be a very substantial residual funding requirement in the long end of the market. The authorities will have to rely on gilt auctions for most of their needs. The Bank of England has been sensitive to the views of the market and investors in organising gilt auctions. In a survey last year, the Bank found the long timetable for auctions concerned market participants and there was some support for establishing a fixed sales schedule.

The US Treasury plans to halve the frequency of 30-year issues and make up the difference in shorts

The Bank was probably right in its judgment that little would be gained, and possibly a great deal lost, through adopting a fixed auction schedule. The uncertainty between the announcement of the auction date and of the details of the stock to be issued does much more damage, but there may be no way round this. More to the point would be commitment by the UK authorities to issue certain types of stock, and no others, via the auctions. The market could then roughly predict auction timing and maturity of stocks to be issued.

If the Bank of England were to establish a short list of stocks to be offered at each monthly auction, rather as the Bank of France does, it would probably help reduce the volatility of gilt prices, which stems from participants trying to guess where the next issue will come. This step would also establish clear benchmarks at various points in the maturity range, on the continental pattern. The Bank would not be precluded from offering other stocks, through traditional "tapping", as and when demand for paper with particular characteristics arose in the market. Some action needs to be taken to restore gilts' role as a secure home for investment funds, as government funding grows.

STEPHEN LEWIS
The London Bond Broking Company

Harley purrs in with first dividend


Easy rider: Harley owner

BY COLIN NARBROUGH, WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

HARLEY-DAVIDSON, maker of the all-American motorbike that is roaring back from the verge of bankruptcy, has finally opened its financial throttle to release a debut dividend payment.

Not that the shareholders, who paid $11 per share when the company was floated in the summer of 1986, really need a dividend. The shares are currently trading at above $36, even after two share splits.

But the directors of the Milwaukee, Wisconsin, company, with five successive years of bike demand exceeding supply, feel confident enough to pay a modest 6 cent per share quarterly dividend, the first since the company went public. Richard Teriink, the company's president and chief executive officer, said: "We believe the dividend declaration shows our continued confidence in the long term growth of Harley-Davidson and we're pleased to share the results of our growth with our shareholders."

The company reported record sales and earnings in the first quarter, delivering 19,502 bikes in the three-month period, up about 2,000 from the same quarter last year. Before a one-off charge for retirement benefits, it showed a profit of $15.1 million, up from $8.7 million last year. Mr Terlink said the company will not halt its investment programme, despite the dividend. The last significant American bike maker plans to spend $50 million a year over the next three to five years on enhancing production, in line with its investment programme of the past few years.

Celebrating its 90th birthday this year, Harley-Davidson is also speeding up output. From 76,000 bikes last year, it is now targeting 80,000 this year and 100,000 by 1996.

Despite being something of a cult bike for many people, Harley-Davidson almost went out of business in the Eighties, before a last-minute rescue by a group of institutional investors. But since its rescue and flotation the company has really started to cruise.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 44

ADONI-BEZEK
(b) A king who was served with his own bloody medicine. In his heyday he cut off the thumbs and big toes of 70 kings and made them scramble for food under his table. When the tribes of Judah and Simeon made war on him and defeated him, they did the same to him.

HILKIAH
(a) Priest of Jerusalem in the reign of Josiah, father of Jeremiah. During repairs to the Temple, c. 621 BC, he discovered a book of the Law, probably the Book of *Deuteronomy*, and with the king's enthusiastic support launched a movement that was both a reassertion of traditional beliefs and manners, and also a foretaste of the strict ritual and priestly constitution which Israel was to adopt in later centuries.

DEBORAH
(a) Wife of Lapidoth, prophetess and Judge of Israel, who gave judgment under her palm tree on Mount Ephraim. After the defeat of Sisera's army of 900 iron chariots, Barak and Deborah sang the song of praise and triumph which is one of the jewels of early Hebrew poetry.

NABAL
(c) A wealthy but churlish fellow, owner of thousands of sheep and goats in Carmel. His beautiful wife, Abigail, dissuaded David from killing him. But Nabal was killed by God a few days later, anyway, and David married Abigail.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

Two sacrifices are required to strip away the white king's protectors: 1...Qxh2+! 2 Kxh2 Ng4+ 3 Kh1 Rh3+! 4 Bxh3 Rh2 mate.

Companies slowed by City centre syndrome

BY TIM JONES

COMPANIES are being prevented from taking full advantage of opportunities offered by information technology because of ingrained and outdated management attitudes, according to a survey of executives published today by Henley Management College.

Professor David Birchall, one of the authors, argues the current work practice of thousands of people commuting to big offices in city centres is wasteful and out of date. He said: "Companies must abandon work patterns introduced with the industrial revolution and recognise people no longer need to be herded in the same place at the same time if their job is handling information." But the survey shows that allowing people to work at a distance and to be self-motivated raises difficulties for managers who gain their power and importance from controlling people.

The survey, of more than 200 chief executives, directors and other senior personnel, found many do not understand the strategic importance of information technology. Dr Laurence Lyons, a member of Associate Faculty at Henley, said: "There are very real and profound business benefits up for grabs here. This is a hot subject just waiting to break onto the boardroom agenda. When it does, and there are signs of take up already, the real winners will be the early adopters."

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LEGAL NOTICES

ATTICHAND LIMITED T/A ZIP AIR AND SEA FREIGHT FWDRS
In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation
Notice is hereby given that I, Dermot Brendan Coakley, Chartered Accountant, of Leach Bright & Partners, Barratt House, Chestnut Avenue, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 5HG, was appointed Liquidator of the above named company on 26 April 1993.
All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts in writing to me at the above address.
Date: 11 May 1993
D B Coakley, Liquidator

In the matter of
Quantrex Holdings Limited
and in the matter of
The Insolvency Act 1986
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986, that the Joint Liquidators of the above company intend to make a distribution to the creditors. Creditors are required to submit full details of their claims and their names and addresses to the Joint Liquidators at KPMG Peat Marwick, PO Box 750, 20 Farringdon Street, London EC4A 4PP on or before Friday 4 June 1993 which is the last day for proving claims.
Notice is also given that the intended distribution is a final distribution and will be made without regard to any claims not made by the date mentioned.
Note: the company is able to pay all its known creditors in full.
Date 7 May 1993
R Smith, Joint Liquidator

Paintball Sports Limited
In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation
Notice is hereby given that I, Eric John Stonham, Chartered Accountant, of Leach Bright & Partners, Barratt House, Chestnut Avenue, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 5HG, was appointed Liquidator of the above named company on 27 April 1993.
All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts in writing to me at the above address.
Date: 10 May 1993
E J Stonham, Liquidator

No. 001420 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF
HARE MINES
& MINERALS LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF
THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated the 31st March 1993 confirming the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £1,000,000 to £100 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the Company as altered the several particulars required by the above-mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on 7th May 1993.
DATED this 17th day of May 1993.
HILL TAYLOR DICKINSON
Irongate House Duke's Place
London EC3A 7LP
Solicitors for the above-named Company

PARADIGM COMMUNICATIONS LTD
IN THE MATTER OF
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Peter S Dunn FCA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Lathom Crossley & Davis, 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 3FF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the Creditors on 12th May 1993.
DATED this 12th May 1993.
Peter S Dunn, FCA, Liquidator

PENTAR PLC
Registered Number: 2296136.
Trading Name: Pentar Plc.
Nature of Business: Holding Company. Trade Classification: PA 9500. Date of Appointment of Administrative Receivers: 11 May 1993. Name of person appointing the Administrative Receivers: National Westminster Bank plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Phillip Rodney Bakes and John Roger Hall (office holder nos: 6119 and 5757) of BDO Binder Hamlyn 20 Old Bailey London EC4M 7BH.

LEGAL NOTICES

REGENCY HOUSE MANAGEMENT LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Creditors of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 30th day of June 1993, to send in their full forenames and surname, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned M C WITHALL, Grant Thornton House Melton Street Euston Square London NW1 2EP, the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated this 13 day of May 1993.
M.C. WITHALL, Liquidator.

Registered number: 1292651
Name of company: ZODIAC FURNITURE LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at The Wellesley Centre, 1 Lansdowne Road, Croydon, Surrey on Friday, the 28th day of May 1993 at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of having a report by me, the Administrative Receiver laid before it together with a summary of the statement of affairs of the Company, and if thought fit, to appoint a Creditors' Committee. Forms of proxy are available which should be completed if you cannot attend the meeting and wish to be represented, and returned to me at Levy Gee and Partners, 7th Floor, Western House, 56 Dingwall Road, Croydon, CR0 0XH by the date of the meeting.
In order to be entitled to vote at the meeting you must give to me, details in writing of your claim; not later than 12.00 hours on the business day before the day of the meeting.
Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at this meeting.
Paul M. Davis ACA,
Administrative Receiver

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
SCS FORKLIFT (SALES) LTD
Trading Name: SCS FORKLIFTS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 24th May 1993 at 4, Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EH at 3.00 pm for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington FIPA of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98(2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.
DATED this 10th day of May 1993.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
S.C. SAUNDERS, DIRECTOR.

WESTMINSTER MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS LIMITED
In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation
Notice is hereby given that I, Eric John Stonham, Chartered Accountant, of Leach Bright & Partners, Barratt House, Chestnut Avenue, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 5HG, was appointed Liquidator of the above named company on 7th May 1993.
All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts in writing to me at the above address.
Date: 10 May 1993
E J Stonham, Liquidator

ZODIAC FURNITURE LIMITED
(IN RECEIVERSHIP)
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the statutory report prepared by the Joint Administrative Receivers of the above named company, pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, is available, free of charge and on written request to Levy Gee & Partners, Western House, 56 Dingwall Road, Croydon CR0 0XH.
This report will be laid before a Meeting of Creditors to be held at The Wellesley Centre, 1 Lansdowne Road, Croydon on the 28 May 1993 notice of which have been separately issued.
DATED this 10th day of May 1993.

PUBLIC NOTICES

McNULTY nee POOL
FRANCES ENDALL MCNULTY nee POOL Widow late of 79 Broomfield Avenue, Palmers Green London N13 died there on 21st May 1988
(testacy estate about £195,000)
The Rix of the above named are requested to apply to Messrs Paine & Co Solicitors of 202 Green Lanes London N13 5UF.

No 464 of 1992
IN THE BIRMINGHAM COUNTY COURT
IN BANKRUPTCY
To: IFTIKHER HUSSAIN (MALE)
T/AS FAIRDEAL WHOLESALE
of 110 BARROWS ROAD, SPARKBROOK, BIRMINGHAM B11 1TH
Take Notice that a Bankruptcy Petition has been presented against you in this Court by SONY MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT UK LIMITED Formerly: CBS UNITED KINGDOM LIMITED Registered Office: 17-19 SOHO SQUARE, LONDON W1A 1HE and the Court has ordered that the advertisement of these proceedings in a newspaper of national circulation and by first-class post to your address as above shall be deemed to be service of the Petition upon you. The said Petition will be heard at this Court on: Date: Thursday 27th May 1993. Time: 10.00 hours. Place: 4, Newton Street, Birmingham.
IMPORTANT: If you do not attend the hearing of the Petition the Court may make a Bankruptcy Order against you in your absence.
The Petition can be inspected by you on application at this Court whose offices are at 2 NEWTON STREET, BIRMINGHAM B4 7LU
Dated: 12th May 1993
Lane & Co. 9, York Road Erdington Birmingham B23 6TE
Solicitors for the Petitioning Creditor

Recession is greater threat to Maastricht than Danish vote

Janet Bush believes that devaluations have made the two-speed Europe a reality regardless of what the architects of Europe would prefer



Falling stars: national leaders are more worried by domestic problems of slow growth and unemployment

The shimmering vision of a new Europe enshrined in the Maastricht treaty is a mirage, forever just out of reach. Throats are parched as the 12 partners stumble through a deepening and destructive recession, bickering over who gets the last of the water rations.

All focus has been on the second Danish referendum tomorrow as the key event which will decide whether Europe gets back on the path to monetary union and a single currency. But they may find that last week's contested Iberian devaluations say more about the road ahead than any Danish vote — yes or no.

France, its commitment to continued monetary rigour intact despite deepening economic problems, opposed Spanish plans for a 10 per cent devaluation because they stripped it of even more competitiveness.

Just as French fishermen blockaded British boats loaded with cheap fish courtesy of the sterling devaluation, perhaps now French auberge owners will run spoiling forays across the Pyrenees to recapture tourists from bargain breaks in Spain.

The truth is that the two-speed Europe, which the Maastricht treaty is supposed to avoid, is already here with all the tensions implied.

The Bundesbank made sure the battle for the French franc was won and most economists now regard the currency as a fully paid-up member of Europe's hard core or fast track; the Benelux countries were never much in doubt. Denmark, the other favoured member, will have to wait for the result of its referendum.

Just like last year, opinion polls are ambiguous and just like last time, the bets are on for a yes vote. If the Danes vote no, Britain will not go ahead with the divisive process of ratification and the Maastricht treaty is dead.

The question then will be whether the hard-core countries will solidify their particular alliances and move even more swiftly to a form of monetary union, leaving the rest to catch up if they want to at a later date. If the Danes vote yes, the 12-country convoy will go on moving at the speed of its slowest member — as it always has.

But powerful forces for European unification are already at work, which make Maastricht a sideshow.

First, it is fairly clear that a majority of the 12 will not meet the economic criteria set out in Maastricht. Even as inflation has converged — and interest rates have fallen — budget deficits have soared above Maastricht limits all over Europe. Gerald Holtham, chief economist at Lehman Brothers, said: "The Maastricht criteria are a dead letter. If nobody can meet the fiscal criteria by 1997, how can anyone make a fetish out of it. The Germans won't be able to be sticklers on the subject."

Even the Maastricht timetable is a movable feast. Even in Stage 2, Clause 109F8 of the treaty provides for "other tasks to be done", according to Sir Malcolm Butler, co-architect of Britain's rejected hard ecu plan. Indeed, the treaty does not give a fixed date for a single currency.

Second, Maastricht is no longer the overriding force of economic convergence it was a year ago. The monolithic process which entrapped European policy makers has been disrupted by the will of the financial markets and governments are more clearly following domestic agendas as Europe struggles to find an escape from slow growth and rising unemployment.

Jonathan Hoffman, of Credit Suisse First Boston, notes that in Italy popular revulsion and corruption is now having more impact on convergence in the bond market than the twists and turns of Maastricht. Spain, too, is predominantly influenced by domestic politics. In Britain, the government has made it clear ERM re-entry is off for the foreseeable future so Maastricht is much less relevant.

"Maastricht was conceived in fair weather. If the weather is set to remain foul, forget it. If governments are in trouble, are they really going to risk giving up the power to steer their economies through it by subscribing to a single currency?" Mr Hoffman said. He cites the Werner plan for monetary union at the beginning of the 1970s which foundered because governments felt they could not give up their sovereignty at a time when they were buckling under the force of the oil price shocks.

Until the financial markets started to turn a two-speed Europe into a reality last September by shaking out weaker members with centrifugal force, the "vision thing" of politicians like Jacques Delors had submerged economic reality (and the misgivings of many who had elected them). But with a new bout of Eurosclerosis in prospect, it is economics that will now hold sway.

Although there is little doubt about the political commitment of France, Germany and the Benelux countries — the hard core — to monetary union, there is still plenty of scope for wrecks, not least because the economic pain placed likely to accompany monetary convergence is increasingly unpopular with voters.

The French socialists have been roundly defeated, Felipe González is likely to lose power in Spain on June 6, John Major's government is foundering on its Maastricht obsession and Italy's perennial political turmoil can this time partly be explained by its failures in Europe.

The two dominant architects — Helmut Kohl of Germany and François Mitterrand of France — are also at risk from their electorates. Germany sees a series of regional and national elections running through next year and M Mitterrand faces a presidential election in 1995.

William Ledward, senior European economist at Nomura Research Institute, said: "I find it amazing that Eurocrats think that monetary union and Maastricht are proceeding as if the first Danish referendum and the French referendum never happened — 48.5 per cent in favour of Maastricht in France is not sufficient endorsement to go ahead."

The dangers for European cohesion as envisaged in the Maastricht treaty are now perilous, not least because an alternative, far less disciplined model of economic management has emerged.

French displeasure at the devaluations that have already taken place may be the tip of the iceberg if the European recession is prolonged. What the EC most fears is that those countries that have already excluded themselves from the hard core will indulge in competitive devaluations, putting even greater economic strain on the German mark club.

Alison Cottrell, international economist with Midland Global Markets, believes that this threat of domino devaluations is real, but not yet, because most European countries still adhere to the spirit of ERM membership. She said: "Britain is the only country to go for growth. The others continue to be committed to the ERM, are holding interest rates up and are trying to distance themselves from British behaviour."

Over the next few months, they should be bailed out by a continuous process of German interest rate cuts. But, if there is a prolonged recession in Europe, the pressures for countries to break ranks could intensify.

Mr Holtham says the most important issue is how to escape Eurosclerosis. Leaders could go on pursuing a European vision with the ERM, the single market, a commitment to eventual monetary union and some kind of tortuous Europe-wide effort to reflate economies. Or they could give in to economic and political pressures, float their currencies and compete with each other in pushing down wages, dismantling social protections and luring in inward investment. "Neither vision is madly promising," he said.

Some believe that the current vision of Maastricht and beyond will never materialise. But when will Europe's leaders give up the dream? Mr Ledward is cynicism personified: "I suppose the whole process will fail when the last of the politicians who argued for the Treaty retires, is defeated or dies."

TEMPUS

Paying the danegeld

THE outcome of tomorrow's Danish referendum on the Maastricht treaty is bound to create some short-term pyrotechnics in Europe's financial markets whatever the outcome. The bond dealers and institutions would feel cheated if it was any other way.

Admittedly the action will be much less feverish if the Danes approve the treaty as expected. With the yes voters leading by up to 20 points in the polls, the markets have largely discounted their acquiescence. The spread between German and Danish ten-year bonds has narrowed from more than 200 basis points to less than 100 since the beginning of March.

After a yes vote, European currencies and bond yields are likely to continue converging. Even the market operators who are itching to test the peseta once more will be silenced, as a wave of European idealism eases the strains in the ERM. Holders of French and Italian bonds will do very nicely. The market should, however, not take the Danish electorate for granted whatever the polls say. A "nej" vote, however unlikely, would be far more interesting for investors. The ensuing talk about the end of European monetary union would split the ERM currencies, with core currencies like the French and Belgium franc and the mark gaining at the expense of the Latin fringe. Bond yields, which have been converging steadily in the past three months would also be likely to rip apart, regardless of any move by the Bundesbank to paper over the cracks by cutting the discount rate again.

Sterling is likely to be a spectator whatever the outcome. A no vote would remove any formal pressure for Britain to pretend it wishes to re-enter the ERM soon, but the gilt-edged market is currently more influenced by the terms of next month's auction than concerns across the Channel.

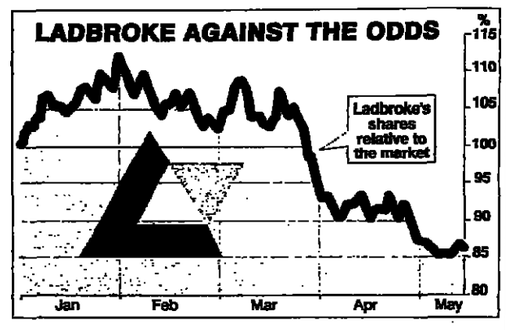
Ladbroke

PUBLICATION of Ladbroke's annual report did a little to allay the market's growing fears about the group's financial condition but the shares have still underperformed the FTA all-share index by more than 15 per cent since January.

The main concern of investors is the group's ability to service and pay down its £1.34 billion debt. Cyril Stein, the chairman, says the group is cash generative, but it will have to do better than last year, when gearing rose 11 points to 53 per cent. Much of this was due to sterling's devaluation, but that does not account for the erosion of more than two-thirds of Ladbroke's cash reserves. Without that cash cushion, and with interest costs rising this year despite a 1992 cover of only 2.4 times even before provisions, the group's room for manoeuvre is limited.

Ladbroke has tried to be more open in its annual report, but reading it is still like chasing a crowd of rabbits down a dozen different holes. Profits are £40 million or £5 million depending on the accounting standard. The net loss is £33.3 million under FRS3 despite a £26.6 million credit from deferred and adjusted tax.

Recruitment of a successor to the patriarchal Mr Stein could spark a re-rating but he will not relinquish his creation quietly. As a result, investors may not respond to the enhanced scrip dividend well, however badly the group needs to reduce debt.



Insider dealing

THE Stock Exchange's rapping of London International Group's knuckles has done nothing to clarify the grey area between laudable analysis and inside information. Most broking analysts rely on nudges from companies they follow. Profit forecasts are not pulled from thin air.

LIG feels understandably victimised by the exchange's criticism. After two centuries of brokers' lunches, the SE has decided to make an example of a hapless condom maker which was rather too specific in its advice. Perhaps the exchange has been nettled into action by the suggestions that it is impotent in the face of real insider dealing. When the criminal justice bill becomes law, some court-shy analysts might even decide to publish mildly inaccurate forecasts simply to avoid the suspicion that they have an inside track.

The positive aspect of the affair is that analysis in future may depend less on profit forecasts and more on assessments of actual trading. Such a trend would echo the Accounting Standards Board's attempts to wean investors off earnings figures and force them to look at the entire accounts.

Under the SE's crackdown, the new legislation and the conviction of an analyst from Bell Lawrie White, the aura that surrounds profit forecasts is likely to reach mystical proportions. If the exchange insists that forecasts should be made generally available, so be it. Companies would do themselves, their shareholders and their professional followers a favour if they adopted the practice, already common on the Continent and in Japan, of forecasting their own profits for the current year, updating when necessary, and leaving users to make of them what they will.

Gold

GOLD bugs, uncertain which way to jump after the exhaustive weekend press coverage of their favourite metal, should remember the market adage "Up like a rocket, down like a stick".

Though the fundamentals are well based — inflation fears, low interest rates, strong Far East buying, and a commodity that was long overdue to move out of a dreary trading range — the percentage rise seen in gold in recent days cries out for some healthy profit-taking.

Those astute professionals who moved into gold, only to see their well-publicised actions draw in the crowds, must be recalling another market adage — "when the ducks quack, feed them".

Central banks and producers do not sit still when markets roar ahead, and if George Soros is able to make a turn in currencies within days, his turn in gold might take only weeks.

The metal's short-term upside looks to be about $380-$385, although the downside may be no worse than $330. Be warned of peaks and troughs. A period of consolidation would make for a healthier market.

BUSINESS LETTERS

Do not underestimate the progress made over Maxwell pension fraud

From Sir John Cuckney

Sir, I read David Conn's article "A great money-go-round" (May 4) on Maxwell with interest. The complexities that have yet to be fully unravelled and the work that remains to be done should not be underestimated: but neither should the progress already made. The government has not accepted that it has any duty to compensate Maxwell pensioners for the fraud that has taken place. It has nevertheless taken a number of steps that have given tangible help to pensioners:

☐ £2.5million emergency funding to keep Maxwell pensions in payment whilst assets recovered

☐ Over £6million raised by Maxwell Pensioners Trust — all administration costs being met by government

☐ Maxwell Pensions Unit set up to administer grant, support the Trust and act as a focal point for those needing help — including access to mediation

☐ Equivalent of interest-free loan of £100 million to pension schemes, by decision to defer collection of state scheme premiums

☐ Appointment of Sir Peter Webster, retired High Court Judge as consultant to the Unit

☐ Looking further to the future, the appointment of the Pension Law Review Committee under Professor Goode's chairmanship.

The result is that all existing pensions have been kept in payment while the liquidators, administrators and pension scheme trustees pursue assets and claims. Where possible I hope all parties will opt for mediation rather than recourse to the courts. The Unit has already helped to bring about one successful mediation. It is quicker, cheaper and reduces the period of uncertainty still faced by pensioners.

Meanwhile, decisions taken recently by pension scheme trustees mean that £16 million has been disbursed from the Common Investment Fund and further disbursements can be expected. This has enabled the Works pension scheme to seek the court's agreement to increasing the proportion of existing pensions due from 31 per cent to 60 per cent. Other pension schemes have also been able to pay all or most of the pensions due to them hitherto. All other pension payments due are being met by the Maxwell Pensioners Trust out of the £6 million contributed from a wide range of companies and individuals with a concern for good standards of corporate governance and the plight of individual pensioners.

At present the fund should be able to support pensions for three years. I continue to receive contributions and they are most welcome, large and small.

They help to extend the life of the fund. This ensures that pensions will be kept in payment until the action of liquidators and others show positive results.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN CUCKNEY,
Chairman, the Maxwell Pensioners Trust,
P.O. Box 14, SW1.

Taxing workload

From Mr Roger N. Cook

Sir, I have every sympathy with Mr. Plumbe (May 13). It would also appear that the Inland Revenue are hiding behind the Tax Payers' Charter in order to rescind long-standing arrangements with employers in the operation of PAYE. This is having the effect of dramatically increasing the burdens on businesses by extra form filling without producing one extra penny in tax collected. The majority of employers attempt to meet all of their obligations under the taxes legislation, but the Revenue must recognise that the PAYE system requires a certain amount of give and take on both sides if it is not to grind to a complete halt under the burden of bureaucracy.

Yours faithfully,
ROGER N. COOK,
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Welshwood Park,
Colchester, Essex.

Environmental performance can be a vital indicator of future profit

From Mr Kit Sadgrove

Sir, I was disappointed to read Henderson Crosthwaite's pessimistic view of green companies ("Investors' green shoots wither" by Lindsay Cook, May 12).

Environmental performance is an important indicator of future profit. It tells investors about management's awareness of issues on the business horizon.

The same can be said about programmes for quality, innovation, ethics or people. All these issues are linked: they indicate a concern about the corporation's future. Defining environment quality too narrowly is another of Henderson Crosthwaite's failings. It leads them into a cul-de-sac, where only waste disposal companies can be classified as green. This is not the case.

As readers well know, not every waste disposal company is environmentally aware.

Analysts could more profitably assess whether a company is adopting best practice within its sector, has introduced an environmental management system, or is disclosing green information in its annual report.

These are better indicators of current environmental performance, and hence future investment prospects.

Yours faithfully,

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Marketing Manager,
David Bellamy Associates,
Environmental Consultants,
Mountjoy Research Centre,
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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Hypothetically speaking

EVER since Robert Maxwell's grandiose ambitions finally dissolved in the seas off the Canary Islands, speculation has never let up. How could the corrupt Maxwell so easily persuade his directors, bankers, and brokers to go along with pension fund fiddling and other such schemes? *Hypothetical*, the BBC2 programme, which asks those at the top of their professions to act out their responses to a tricky situation, might just have the answer. Professor Arthur Miller, of Harvard Law School, assumes the chairman's seat at an imaginary British company. Questioning a group of leading British businessmen "employed" by the fictional company, Prof Miller moves from taking acceptable risks to outright fraud. He persuades Sir Clive Sinclair, chairman of Sinclair Research, to approve the lending of £3 million from the firm's pension fund during a cash flow crisis. Says Sir Clive: "Assuming there was a legal way of taking the £3 million from the fund, I would strongly recommend that you do so. After all, the fund won't get any money in the future if the company goes down." Prof Miller then bounces two other senior colleagues — William Grosvenor of Grosvenor Associates, and Nigel Whitaker, of Kingfisher — into willingly participating in deception. Grosvenor sanctions the chairman's public insistence that the company received 1,000 deposits for new homes when he knows he's got just 500. Whitaker meanwhile says he would not bother "trouhling the bank" by telling it about a shark attack at a South Sea island being developed by the property company. Although the hypothetical directors — including Rudolph Agnew, Lord Spens, Sir Nicholas Goodison and Michael East — begin to suspect that their chairman has kept the business afloat by improperly using deposits on homes to repay a company bank loan, several say they would keep their suspicions to themselves and wait several days to see if their chairman could obtain millions from his social connections. Apparently, as the programme concludes next Saturday night, directors "don't want to believe the worst of a man who has led them successfully and charismatically". Oh; right.


"Everything has been devalued — the escudo, the peseta, Eldorado"

Cheers!

BANKERS and brokers in bomb-devastated Bishopsgate have learnt to carry their hard hats as nonchalantly as their briefcases as they make their way to temporary accommodation each day. But life for members of the City of London Club will be almost back to normal from today when the 1832 Grade II listed building reopens. Most of the windows are still boarded up, and the scaffolding is still to be found both inside and outside the building. But at least the claret can flow freely once more.

Back to basics

NATWEST Markets, determined to build its investment banking business by attracting new clients, will today announce the creation of a new senior role for an expert in client marketing and business development. John Sanders, chairman of the Royal Bank of Canada (Europe), joins as a managing director in July. A distinguished international banker, whose career has stretched from Credit Suisse First Boston where he was marketing director, to S G Warburg, where he was head of international capital markets, and on to Orion Royal Bank, where he was chairman and chief executive, Sanders is anxious to get back to the basics of bringing in new business. A personal desire to escape from line management coincided neatly with NatWest Markets' own needs, says John Howland-Jackson, the deputy chief executive responsible for investment banking. Sanders, 50, is looking forward to a bit of relaxation before he begins his new job. "I'm not going to travel around the world, or anything. Perhaps I'll just concentrate on lowering my golf handicap."

MELINDA WITTSTOCK

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BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (25340)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (21350712)
9.05 A Word In Your Ear. Verbal challenge presented by Gordon Burns (s) (4540949)
9.35 King of the Road. Ross King and Anna Walker visit the town of Weymouth (2255982)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (5324036)
10.05 Playdays (r) (s) (4199036)
10.30 Good Morning with Anne and Nick. Weekday magazine (s) (62275949)
12.05 Pebble Mill featuring *music from Clannad*, introduced by Alan Titchmarsh (s) (2081524)
12.45 Good Morning with Anne and Nick (s) Weekday magazine (21785920)
12.55 Regional News and weather (18074833)
1.00 One O'Clock News with Edward Stourton (Ceefax) and weather (76901)
1.30 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (70380272)
1.50 Eldorado (r) (Ceefax) (s) (25777272)
2.20 Dallas (r) (Ceefax) (2111123)
3.05 Turnabout. Word quiz show presented by Rob Curling (s) (3852340)
3.35 Cartoon (5005611)
3.45 Bananaman (r) (4997494) **3.50 Chucklevision** (r) (s) (5804415) **4.10 The All New Popeye Show** (r) (3444299) **4.30 The Boy from Andromeda** (r) (Ceefax) (2153659)
4.55 Newsround (8837494) **5.05 Blue Peter** (Ceefax) (s) (4941123)
5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (946017). Northern Ireland: Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with John Humphrys and Moira Stuart (Ceefax) and weather (807) **6.30 Regional News Magazines** (369). Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Eldorado (Ceefax) (s) (7253)
7.30 The Doctor. Documentary about a GP partnership *in Yorkshire (r) (Ceefax)* (253)
8.00 Bruce's Guest Night featuring Miss Piggy, Luther Vandross and Les Dawson (Ceefax) (s) (6901)
8.30 Waiting for God. Sharp comedy set in an old people's home, with Stephanie Cole and Graham Crowden (r) (Ceefax) (s) (5035)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis (Ceefax) and weather (1302)
9.30 Panorama: Lucky to Have a Job. Many companies are exploiting workers who, in the present climate, are too scared to resist for fear of losing their jobs. The imposition of outrageously long hours and the ditching of staff just before they qualify for employment protection are but two of many widespread practices exposed (518543)
10.10 The Men's Room. Second of five episodes in the repeated tale of 1980s *sexual shenanigans (r)* (Ceefax) (772814). Northern Ireland: Between the Hedges; 10.40 The Men's Room; 11.30 Our Roving Reporter; 11.35 Film 93; 12.05-12.35 France Means Business



Screen time: critic Barry Norman (11.00pm)

11.00 Film 93 with Barry Norman. Films featured include *Passenger 57* and *Jack the Bear*, and Henry Mancini talks about scoring *The Son of the Pink Panther* (s) (2307)
11.30 France Means Business. *Background to the launch of a new yoghurt range* (r) (51104)
12.00 Weather (5197627). Ends at **12.05**

BBC2

7.35 Open University: Banking, Money and Machines (9683611)
8.00 Breakfast News (6980369)
8.15 Westminster (6996920)
8.30 Under Sail The *Lorne Leader*, a 100-year-old sailing trawler, still works for its living (r) (6681765)
8.50 A Week to Remember (b/w). Pathé News footage from 40 years ago (2567123)
9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes including, *for children*. **9.45 Storytime** (s) (2569630) **10.18 Music Time** (s) (5203185) **1.20 Fiddley Foodle Bird** (r) (s) (7127291) **1.30 Spider** (r) (s) (85375185) **1.35 King Greenfingers** (r) (s) (85374456)
2.15 Westminster Reports (r) (314098). Northern Ireland: Gardens by Design
2.45 Canvas George Melly presents some of Toulouse-Lautrec's posters (r) (8035678)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (3798340)
3.05 Songs of Praise. Repeat of yesterday's programme (r) (Ceefax) (s) (1384712)
3.50 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (4976901)
4.00 Film: The Naked Truth (1957, b/w). Black comedy in which blackmail victims collaborate to do away with their tormentor. Stars include Terry-Thomas, Peter Sellers and Peggy Mount. Directed by Mario Zampi (43746)
5.30 Gardeners' World. Another chance to see last Friday's programme, *with garden ponds and a home* beneath a lawn among the topics (r) (Ceefax) (s) (746)
6.00 The Addams Family *(b/w). Classic, cultish 1960s* black comedy. Uncle Fester plays Santa Claus in case the real one lets Wednesday and Pugsley down (r) (Ceefax) (248433)
6.25 Def II. Begins with **The Fresh Prince Of Bel-Air.** American West Coast comedy (s) (136611) **6.50 Standing Room Only.** Last edition of the offbeat football magazine series (Ceefax) (s) (145494) **7.20 Dance Energy Lift Off.** Competition final. Normski presents the judging panel's verdict and reports on the making of the prize-winning video (s) (368678)
7.30 The Nicholas Craig Masterclass. Nigel Planer's wickedly observed spoof (r) (336104)



Law talk: moderator Vincent Hanna (7.50pm)

7.50 Hypotheticals (Ceefax) (s) See Choice (950017)
8.50 Court in the Act. *Selected clips of court room comedy from the archives (Ceefax)* (523096)
9.00 Bad Company (Ceefax) (s) See Choice (9833)
10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow (655833)
11.15 The Late Show. *Arts and media magazine* programme (s) (782611)
11.55 Weather (438678)
12.00 The Psychology of Addiction. Why do people become addicted to drugs like heroin? (8722321). Ends at 12.25

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CHOICE



Jonny Lee Miller as Hickey, left (BBC2, 9.00pm)

Bad Company
BBC2. 9.00pm

Don Shaw's drama examines the case of the newspaper boy Carl Bridgewater and the four men convicted of his murder in 1979. Although two of them originally confessed to the crime, they later recanted and many believe there was a miscarriage of justice. Shaw's version does not claim to have unearthed new evidence nor is it overtly propagandist. Rather, it tries to give the story a dramatic shape and a human face. The focus is on the youngest defendant, Michael Hickey (Jonny Lee Miller), and the fight of his mother, Ann Whelan (Susan Wooldridge), to secure his release. It is a detailed, well-crafted and absorbing account, which stays creditably close to the facts. The concluding part is on Wednesday.

Channels of Resistance: Manufacturing Consent
Channel 4, 10.55pm

An intelligent documentary from Canada profiles Noam Chomsky, the American scholar and political activist who has provocatively argued that newspapers and television collude with governments to control what people think. "Indoctrination", declares Chomsky, in a typical phrase, "is the essence of democracy". Television is not always good at getting across ideas but this is an admirably lucid and coherent statement of Chomsky's thesis, illustrated with such examples as Vietnam and the Gulf war. At the same time Chomsky's allegation of a tacit conspiracy between government and media does not go unchallenged. It is a stimulating addition to a consistently excellent series.

Hypotheticals: A Lesson in Crime
BBC2, 7.50pm

The first of three imaginary scenarios being screened this week concerns the fictional Kevin, a difficult lad from a housing estate who starts stealing chocolate bars at the age of eight and gets deeper and deeper into trouble as the years go by. A panel of experts is on hand to be questioned about what they would do with the wretched Kevin and, more to the point, what the law permits them to do. Although as usual with the *Hypotheticals* format there are too many contributors competing for air time, the subject provokes a spirited discussion. Particularly to be relished is the gulf between hard-line Tories such as Teresa Gorman and Sir Teddy Taylor and the more conciliatory approaches of social services professionals.

Naked Sport: The Big Pitch
Channel 4, 9.00pm

American football comes under scrutiny this week, with an anatomy of the dirty deals that take place off the pitch. The spotlight is on the agents. These are smart lawyers who entice young college players to turn professional, help to make them rich and grab a nice little percentage. That is the theory. The practice is that too many agents chase too few players and not every hopeful becomes a star. The agents who do make it often abuse their clients. In the fashion of the series the film runs two overlapping stories. One is of a young agent, David Levine, just starting to make his way. The other concerns the Mafia-backed Norby Walters, who threatened his clients with broken legs and worse if they refused to sign.

Peter Waymark

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (6925036)
9.25 Cross Wits. Crossword game show (1557253)
9.55 London Today (4175456)
10.00 The Time... The Place... Daily discussion (4249475)
10.35 This Morning. Weekday magazine (62269388)
12.10pm Tots TV. Puppet series for children (s) (6801443)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (Teletext) and weather (8158949) **1.05 London Today** (75701765)
1.15 Home and Away. Blake makes a startling announcement (310272)
1.45 A Country Practice. Matt and Lucy get married (s) (319543)
2.15 Capital Woman. Magazine with Anneka Rice (s) (301524)
2.45 Families. Isabelle has some decisions to make (s) (5900727)
3.10 ITN News headlines (3716746) **3.15 London Today** (3715017)
3.20 Blockbusters Teenagers' quiz (s) (8824253)
3.50 Cartoon (4895727) **3.55 The Real Ghostbusters** (r) (4254776)
4.20 Runaway Bay Penultimate episode of a 13-part children's series (Teletext) (s) (4808291)
4.50 Art Attack. Neil Buchanan has adventures with colour and paint (8873727)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (4935562)
5.40 ITN Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (556543)
6.00 London Tonight. Reports from around the region (Teletext) (93017)
7.00 Busman's Holiday. *Gameshow presented by Elton* Welsby (Teletext) (2949)
7.30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (949)
8.00 Cluedo *Whodunit quiz with Joanna Lumley, Leslie* Grantham, Jerry Hall, Nicholas Parsons, Liz Smith, John Bird and guest, Matthew Marsh. Presented by Richard Madeley (8369)
8.30 World in Action. *Investigative current affairs series* (s) (3384)



Medical partners: Whately and Burton (9.00pm)

9.00 Peak Practice. Drama series written by Lucy Gannon with Kevin Whately putting in a charming performance as Jack, the Derbyshire GP. Today, Jack and Beth (Amanda Burton) reach breaking point. (Teletext) (s) (3543)
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (60291)
10.30 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (480611)
10.40 Singles. From the director of *Sylvania Waters*, a new seven-part series on London's courting rituals *in the 1990s* (964982)
11.10 Film: Run, Simon, Run (1970, tvm). An Indian jailed for a murder he did not commit seeks vengeance. *Starring a young Burt Reynolds and* directed by George McCowan (664291)
12.30 The Beat. Gary Crowley offers music from Aztec Camera, *the Times*, Kingmaker and D:REAM (s) (66925)
1.30 Sport A.M. British Speedway Championship, ice-hockey, motor-racing and football (59418)
2.30 Sixty Minutes. American news magazine (24296)
3.30 Videofashion. Menswear for spring (90470)
4.00 Hollywood Report (r) (s) (11963)
4.30 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema. Movie news (r) (80944)
5.00 Riviera. French drama series (53302)
5.30 ITN Morning News (73505). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.15am I Love Lucy (b/w). Vintage comedy with Lucille Ball. Lucy heads for Paris (91901)
6.45 Spiff and Hercules. *Fun with the fighting duo* (8239340)
7.00 The Big Breakfast Magazine show with Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin. *Includes an interview with* Roy Hattersley (66524)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. Bill Cosby hosts the comedy quiz in which members of the public try to be witty (s) (47340)
9.30 Schools (875861)
12.00 Right to Reply. Viewers have their say. (Teletext) (s) (57104)
12.30 Sesame Street, educational children's show with Bo Jackson and Carol Channing (r) (36123)
1.30 Sandokan. *Animation. The dashing Sandokan is* washed ashore on the island of Labuan where he meets lovely Mariana (r) (75611)
2.00 Film: Angels Over Broadway (1940, b/w). A drunken playwright (Thomas Mitchell) prevents an embezzler from committing suicide in this unusual drama produced and written by Ben Hecht. Co-starring Douglas Fairbanks Jr as a confidence trickster and Rita Hayworth as a streetwise entertainer (9438104)
3.25 A Ballar! Short feature in which a mambo fanatic builds up the first Latin American dance troupe in New York (8854494)
3.55 Grow Your Greens. Sophie Grigson meets Frances Smith, who grows exotic salad leaves, discovers Adrian Jones's prize radishes, and talks to chicory enthusiast Ned Trier (r). (Teletext) (2172678)
4.30 Fifteen to One. *Knock-out quiz game presented by* William G. Stewart (562)
5.00 The Late Late Show. Gay Byrne offers music and chat from Dublin (2562)
6.00 Children's Ward. Drama series set in a hospital. Fights are brewing between the children of the Hawksworth and Middleton housing estates and casualties are brought into the children's ward of South Park General Hospital (r) (727)
6.30 The Cosby Show. Sondra is overwhelmed by the difficulties of caring for twin babies (r). (Teletext) (307)
7.00 Channel 4 News *with Jon Snow (Teletext) and* weather (958524)
7.50 Comment (149843)
8.00 Brookside. Merseyside soap. Beth *makes an* opportune decision to dig the pond as Sinbad comes round with his supposed evidence *(Teletext). (s)* (9611)
8.30 Surgical Spirit. Peter Learmouth's medical comedy series with Nichola McAuliffe as Sheila, *today taking up the cause of a cleaner. (Teletext)* (8746)
9.00 Naked Sport: The Big Pitch. (Teletext) (s) See *Choice* (1185)
10.00 Northern Exposure. Peculiar comedy drama set in Alaska. Joel gets his hopes up when he shares a *hotel room with Maggie, and Chris has a disturbing* meeting with his brother. With Rob Morrow and Janine Turner (s) (415017)



Media indoctrination: Chomsky (10.55pm)

10.55 Channels of Resistance: Manufacturing Consent — Noam Chomsky and the Media. See Choice (59526307). Ends at **1.15am**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 2.15-2.45 The De Medici Kitchen (301524) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (8824253) **5.10-5.40** Sixth Sense *(4935562) 6.00 Home and Away* (648479) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (201833) **10.40** Love Call (777494) **11.40** Crime Story (150098) **12.35** Mistral's Daughter (357876) **2.20** Sport AM (4445447) **3.20** The Beat (8997079) **4.30** Riviera (13289586) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (2177654)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (310272) **1.45** Home and Away (319543) **2.15-2.45** The Da Medici Kitchen (301524) **3.20-3.50** Shortland Street (8824253) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (4935562) **6.00** Home and Away (648479) **8.25-7.00** Central News (201833) **10.40** Film: He's Fired, She's Hired **12.30** Crime Story (66925) **1.30** Musical Routes (39708) **2.00** 80 Minutes (6445627) **2.55** Short Story Theatre (3588673) **3.45** Jobfinder **4.50** Karm Bhoomi (13283302) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (6567673)

GRANADA
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (310272) **1.45** Home and Away (319543) (319543) **2.15-3.10** Island Son *(5255949)* **3.20-3.50** Sons and Daughters (8824253) 5.10-5.40 Hunt the Pie (4935562) **6.00** Home and Away (185) **6.30-7.00** Granada Tonight (765) **10.40** The Motor Show's "Good Car Guide" (964982) **11.10** Miller & Mueller (815388) **12.05** Alfred Hitchcock Presents (8706383) **12.35** Mistral's Daughter (357876) **2.20** Sport AM (4445447) **3.20** The Beat (8997079) **4.30** Riviera (13289586) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (2177654)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.45 Blockbusters (319543) **2.15-2.45** The De Medici Kitchen (301524) **3.20-3.50** The Sullivens (8824253) **6.00-6.30** HTV News (93017) *10.40 Extra Time* (648543) **11.25-11.40** Rock Spot (744456) 11.40 Brand New Life (150096) **12.35** Mistral's Daughter (357876) **2.20** Sport AM (4445447) **3.20** The Beat (8997079) **4.30** Riviera (13289586)

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00 Wales at six (93017) **6.30-7.00** Primetime **10.40** Judas *and the Gimp* **11.25** Better Late

MERIDIAN
As London except: 2.15-2.45 Fit to Win (301524) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (8824253) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (185) **6.30-7.00** A Tale of Four Cities (765) **10.40-12.30** Film: A Soldier's Story (86455849)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 1.45 Murder, She Wrote (2577956) **2.35** Help Yourself (3877659) **2.40-2.45** Five Minutes (3867272) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (8824253) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (957475) **6.30-7.00** Robson's People (765) **10.40** Flashback (964982) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (815388) **12.05** Nigel Mansell's Indycar 93 (8706383) **12.35** Film: Day for Night (François Truffaut, Jacqueline Bisset) (43528709) **2.45** Entertainment UK (913654) **3.45** The Law and Harry McGraw (942166) **4.45-5.30** Jobfinder (8326186)

ULSTER
As London except: 1.45 Fair City (319543) **2.15-2.45** Yan Can Cook (301524) **3.20-3.50** The Littlest Hobo (8824253) **5.00-7.00** UTV *Live at Six* (93017) *10.40* Ulster Hall (964982) **11.10** Prisoner Cell Block H (815388) **12.05** Party with the Rovers (8706383) **12.35** Mistral's Daughter (357876) **2.20** Sport AM (4445447) **3.20** The Beat (8997079) **4.30** Riviera (13289586) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (2177654)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.45 The Young Doctors (319543) **2.15-2.45** Gardening Time (301524) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (8824253) **6.00** Westcountry Live (93017) **10.40** Westcountry Focus (964982) **11.10** My Story (642659) **11.15** Island Son (814659) **12.10** Soap (7196844) **12.35** Mistral's Daughter (357876) **2.20** Sport AM (4445447) **3.20** The Beat (8997079) **4.30** Riviera (13289586) **4.55** Jobfinder (2177654)

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As London except: 1.45 Murder, She Wrote (2577956) **2.35** Help Yourself (3877659) **2.40-2.45** Five Minutes (3867272) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (8824253) **5.55** Calendar (957475) **6.30-7.00** Against all Odds *(765) 10.40 Case of 93* (964982) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (815388) **12.05** Nigel Mansell's Indycar 93 (8706383) **12.35** Film: Day for Night (François Truffaut and Jacqueline Bisset) (43528709) **2.45** Entertainment UK (913654) **3.45** The Law and Harry McGraw (942166) **4.45-5.30** Jobfinder (8326186)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (686524) **9.00** *You Bet Your Life (47340) 9.30 Ysgolion* (875861) **12.00** Right To Reply (67104) **12.30** Slot Meibion (763040) **1.00** Little Rosey (69611) **1.30** Blossom (75611) **2.00** Film. White Feather (John Lund, Debra Paget, Virginia Leith) (181727) **3.50** Catch Of The Day (4893389) **3.55** Grow Your Greens *(7816140) 4.25 Sbit 23 (7741611)* **5.00** Fifteen To One (8217) **5.30** Brookside (814) *6.00 Newyddion 6.10 Hana (3210306) 7.00* Pobol Y Cwm (3391) **7.30** Sgoro (40340) **8.30** Newyddion (655562) **8.55** Y Byd Ar Bedwar (768958) **9.30** Cheers (96104) **10.00** Northern Exposure (415017) **10.55** Naked Sport (764920) **11.55** Memento (902543) **12.20-12.50** Dream On (8726505)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (46181307) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (4188814) **9.10** Cartoons (6122659) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (21814) **10.00** Card Sharks (6781948) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (8889756) **10.30** Concentration (60456) **11.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (21340) **11.30** Falcon Crest (94814) **12.30pm** E Street (25630) **1.00** Another World (8296765) **1.45** Santa Barbara (957727) **2.15** Sally Jessy Raphael (626830) **3.15** Different Strokes (961920) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (6788384) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (5814) **6.00** Games World (9748) **6.30** E Street (9758) **7.00** Rescue (6543) *7.30 Family Ties (5982) 8.00 Monte Carlo:* Concluding the two-part mini series (67630) *10.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation* (86765) **11.00** The Streets of San Francisco (26388) **12.00** Pages from Skyfext

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (14271) **8.30** News and Business Report (633388) **9.30** Roving Report (23035) **10.30** Memories of 1970-1991 (81582) **11.30** Business Report (92455) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (92878) **1.30** Good Morning America (93307) *2.30 Parliament Live (10291)* **3.30** Parliament Live (26052) **4.30** News and Business Report *(9123) 5.00 Live at Five (99088) 6.30* News and Business Report (95882) **7.30** Special Report (7524) *10.30 Special Report* (13727) **11.30** ABC News (83098) **12.30pm** Gateway (12811) **1.30** ABC News (95234) **2.30** Memories of 1970-1991 (10682) **3.30** ABC News (22437) **4.30** Special Report (24234) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (10429)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (5557833)
10.00 The Time Guardian (1987). Time *travellers arrive in an Australian town* (36746)
12.00 The File of the Golden Goose (1969): *A detective and an FBI man go* undercover. With Yul Brynner (71982)
2.00pm The Hostage Tower (1980): The President's wife is kidnapped (77017)
4.00 Oh God! (1977): Comedy starring George Burns as God (5366)
6.00 The Time Guardian (as 10am) (57253)
8.00 Captive (1991). A couple is held hostage by drug-crazed convicts (82162920)
9.40 UK Top Ten (1981585)
10.00 Nico (1988): Steven Seagal plays a tough Chicago policeman *(544123)*
11.40 American Ninja 4: The Annihilation (1991): Action adventure (255758)
1.20am Curse II: The Bite (1988). Irradiated vipers become monsters (657654)

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm Driftwood (1947, b/w): A doctor adopts orphan Natalie Wood (48543)
8.00 Outland (1981): Sean Connery plays a marshal on Jupiter's third moon (50388)
10.00 Spacehunter: Adventures in the Forbidden Zone (1983): *Peter Strauss as an* intergalactic hero (86901) Ends at **11.30**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Davy Crockett, Indian Scout (1950, b/w): *Western starring George Mont*gomery (9048217)
7.15 Frankenstein Meets the Wolfman (1943, b/w): Lon Chaney Jr and Bela Lugosi star as the two monsters (2810920)
9.30 Rumpelstiltskin (1987): Musical adaptation of the Grimm fairy-tale (66272)
10.00 I'll Take Sweden (1966): Romantic comedy with Bob Hope (34388)
12.00 Boy, Did I Get a Wrong Number (1966) Bob Hope again, this time involved with a dizzy actress (79524)
2.00pm Impromptu (1990): Drama about novelist George Sand and Chopin (75859)
4.00 Rumpelstiltskin (as 8.30am) (72272)
5.30 Xposure Film news (5543)
6.00 Waiting for the Light (1990). Shirley MacLaine as a medium in 1962 (88123)
8.00 Crazy People (1990) Dudley Moore plays an adman who tells the truth (50340)
10.00 Fires Within (1991) Greta Scacchi falls in love with Vincent D'Onofrio (17833)
11.30 Paris Trout (1990): Dennis Hopper kills a mother and daughter (455776)
1.10am Snow Kill (1990): Executives set off on a wilderness expedition (1952505)
2.40 Last Wish (1991). A terminally ill mother asks to die (510470)
4.15 In the Best Interests of the Child (1990): *Meg Tilly tries to protect her daughter* (685844) Ends at **5.50**

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Stretch (15340) **7.00** Golf (86582) **9.00** Stretch (77104) **9.30** Indy 500 Practice (11036) **10.00** British Motorsport (52969) *11.00 Tennis (4158562) 5.00pm* Sports Special (8307) **5.30** Trucks 'n' Tractor (4833) *6.00 Windsurfing (1745) 6.30 Indy* 500 Practice (2098) **7.00** German Football (57814) *9.00 Truckfest (80758) 10.00* Boats 'n' All (30235) **11.00** Indy 500 Practice (95949) **11.30-1.00am** Tennis (24920)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (41253) 8.00 Table Tennis (21901) **10.00** Figure Skating (70765) **11.00** DTM *German Touring Cars* (50801) **1.00** Motorsport (96727) **1.00pm** WTA Tennis (391765) **4.00** Motorcycling: *Austrian* Grand Prix (89388) **5.00** Basketball (2982) **6.00** Eurofun Magazine (6814) **6.30** Eurosport News (1974) **7.00** Table Tennis (42982) **9.00** Boxing (28494) **10.00** Eurogoals (98253) **11.00** Golf Magazine (71494) **12.00-12.30** News (32296)

UK GOLD
6.00am Jamie and the Magic Torch (5385659) **6.30** Jem (1445307) **7.00** Defenders of the Earth (1924683) **7.30** Neighbours (8974348) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (8992185) **8.30** EastEnders (8991456) **9.00** The Bill (8915036) **9.30** The Duchess of Duke Street (8327389) **10.30** The Chinese Detective (8395366) **11.30** No Place Like Home (5290475) **12.00** *Sons and Daughters* (8995272) **12.30pm** Neighbours (2883901) **1.00** EastEnders *(2374104) 1.30 The Bill* (2882272) **2.00** George and Mildred (4094185) **2.30** Alter Henry (4483494) **3.00** Dallas (8294291) **4.00** Dynasty (6280098) **5.00** Blankety Blank (4018786) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (4454982) **6.00** Neighbours *(44841231) 6.30 The Duchess of Duke Street* (8672388) **7.30** George and Mildred (44716599) **8.00** EastEnders (4014949) **8.30** After Henry (4093456) **9.00** The Chinese Detective (4790253) **10.00** The Bill (8996901) **10.30** FYTV (8912949) **11.00** The Best of the Goodies (6281727) **11.30** Dr Who (1425543) **12.00** Film: The Fastest Gun Alive (1956, b/w) starring Glenn Ford (4901147) **1.35-2.00am** Video Bites (87518876)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Jack in the Box (65820) **7.00** RailKan II (38386) **8.00** Jack in the Box (11123) **11.00** Stones Without Words (79162) **11.30** Say Ahhh! (58681) **12.00** Secret Valley (34901) **1.00pm** Jack in the Box (50949) **2.00** Stones *Without Words (4369) 2.30 Say Ahhh!* (7949) **3.00** Bobobobs (4810185) **3.25** RailKan II (96360253) **5.00** Katts and Dog (8948) **5.30** Saved by the Bell (1765) **6.00-7.00** Fame (30185)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Semiotics and Visual Art
6.55 Weather
7.00 On Air: Beethoven (Overture, Coriolan); Boccherini (Quintettino, Op 27 No 4); Haydn (Symphony No 70 in D); Rachmaninov (Variations on a theme of Chopin)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Franz Liszt — Elopement to Switzerland. Chris de Souza presents the composer's musical impressions of the countries he visited. Années de Pèlerinage, Book 1, Suisse (Daniel Barenboim, piano)
10.00 Hits of the Sixties: Michael Rosen remembers being captivated by Léo Ferré's evocation of Paris, "Paname"
10.10 Prague 68. Recordings made by artists who emigrated to the West after Soviet tanks entered the Czech capital in August 1968. Antonin Vranicky (Three Hunting Marches); Chausson (La fleur des eaux, Poème de l'amour et de la mer); Stravinsky (Ragtime for 11 instruments), Marek Kopelent (String Quartet No 4); Martinů (Promenades), Brahms (Funeral Hymn); Hartmann (Concerto funèbre); Ladislav Vycpalek (He Came to Save, Czech Requiem)
12.00 Vintage Years: Czecho-Slovak Festival, 1919. Robert Philip plays music of pre-war visitors from Czechoslovakia, including some who took part in the London music festival, arranged by the new Czecho-Slovak government to thank Britain for her help in winning them "deliverance from the Habsburg yoke"
1.00pm News 1.05 BBC Lunchtime Concert: Krzysztof Smietana, violin, John Blakely, piano, perform Stravinsky (Suite italienne); Schumann (Sonata in D minor, Op 121)
2.00 Third Opinion (r)
2.45 BBC Scottish SO: Orwain Arwel Hughes conducts Rachmaninov (The Rock); Mozart (Oboe Concerto in C, K314; Nicholas Daniel). Rimsky-Korsakov (Shéhérazade)
4.15 Early English Organ Music: In the first of two programmes, Keith Elcombe plays offertories on the organ of St Paul's Church, Armitage Bridge
5.00 In Tune: Music, news and arts events. *Edward Greenfield's* guest is Paul McCreesh, the director of the Gabrieli Consort and Players
7.30 BBC Philharmonic: Adrian *Leaper conducts John Veale* (Demos Variations); David Gow (Cello Concerto: Timothy Hugh) and Malcolm Lipkin (Symphony No 3. Sun)
8.55 Cowboys 2: See Choice
9.25 Violin and Piano: Elissa Kotjonen and Robert Koenig perform Mozart (Sonata in B flat, K454); Prokofiev (Sonata No 2 in D, Op 94a), Ysaye (Sonata No 2 for solo violin, Op 27); Dvořák: (Romance in F minor, Op 11)
10.45 Minding It, with Robert Sandall and Mark Russell
11.30 Utrecht '92: Andrew Manze *introduces the last of four* concerts from Holland's 1992 Festival of Early Music. Cantus Cölln under Konrad Junghänel performs Rosenmüller (Beatus vir, *De profundis*; Magnificat; Gloria)
12.30am News
12.35-12.45 Hits of the Sixties (r)
1.00-2.25 Night School (except in Scotland: as Radio 5 at 9am)
2.30-3.00 Night School Extra: Spanish 16-18: Ademas/Voces de Espana (1 and 2)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** *Prayer for the Day* **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** *News* **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.35** The Week on 4 **8.43** Smiling Through the Slump: Professor Theo Barker recalls how *people in Britain lived through* the Depression of the 1920s and 1930s **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Start the Week, with Melvyn Bragg and Mary Ann Sieghart of *The Times*. The guests are John Mortimer, Anthony Holden and Tony Dowmunt
10.00-10.30 The Year in Question (FM only): Brian Hayes chairs the final of the news quiz *between Radio 1 FM's Newsbeat v Radio 4's Today* programme
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only) from Holy Trinity Church, Coventry
10.15 Something Understood (LW only): An Anthology of Spiritual Verse. A selection of poetry on the theme of despair. Read by Virginia McKenna, Louise Beathe, Jennifer Ehle and Amanda Wann
10.30 Woman's Hour: Wendy Tyndale of Christian Aid talks *to Anna Ford about the role* played by women in Latin America and the Caribbean in the struggle for human rights. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 Money Box Live: 071-580 4444, with Vincent Duggleby. *Lines open from 10am*
12.00 News; You and Yours, with John Howard
12.25pm Brain of Britain 1993: First Round — South of England **12.55** *Weather*
1.00 The World at One, with James Naughtie
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; The Other Side of the Hill: It's a Long Way from Talavera. The first of two plays *by the novelist Peter Luke* about the Duke of Wellington's Peninsular campaign. With Michael Pennington and John Moffatt (r)
3.30 Home Truths: *A new series in* which John Miller invites people to reflect on their lives away from Great Britain and their thoughts on returning home. *His first guest is* Archbishop Trevor Huddleston
4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope: Natalie Wheen sees Opera North's production of *Wozzeck*; and previews Peter Tinniswood's play *The Governor's Consort* on Radio 4
4.45 Short Story: Wednesdays and Fridays, by Elizabeth Jolley. *Read by Carole Boyd*
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 The News Quiz (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme, with Derek Cooper (r)
7.45 The Monday Play: The Governor's Consort. See Choice
8.45 Conversation Piece: Sue MacGregor meets the marine archaeologist Honor Frost (r)
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight, with Heather Payton **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: The Heather Blazing, by Colm Tóibín. Donal McCann reads the first of ten episodes
11.00 You Heard It Here First: Radio Active (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

1968 Season: Cowboys 2. *Radio 3, 8.55pm.*

Sam Shepard's rewrite of one of his earlier plays is a companion piece to his *True West*. There is the same intense preoccupation with the cowboy myths, and how they continue to nourish Americans who find the 20th century deficient in inspiration. *Cowboy 2* leans heavily on the absurdism of Becket's *Waiting for Godot*, and there are echoes of Harold Pinter. Jack Klaff and Stuart Milligan play the two young men, Chet and Stu, who keep on sliding into, and out of, the mythological Wild West.

The Monday Play: The Governor's Consort. *Radio 4, 7.45pm.*

Peter Tinniswood has written a gloriously mad comedy for the veteran actress Mary Wimbush, and how gloriously madly she plays the title role. Tinniswood's fruit-cake about a voyage to the south Atlantic may be too rich for some tastes, but it would be churlish to complain about a script that describes Welsh rain as mean-minded and meagre-lipped, and talks of a smile like the crack in a parsnip, a nose like the handle of an aloof umbrella and a pathetically inadequate husband (John Moffan) like a dried-out *wadi*.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes (FM until **6.00am**) **6.00** Simon Mayo **9.00** Simon Bates *12.30pm* Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Steve Wright **6.00** News '93 **6.30** Mark Goodier **8.30** The Big Holy One **9.00** Out on Blue Six **10.00** Nicky Campbell **12.00-4.00am** Bob Harris (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **5.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.00** John Dunn **7.00** Hubert Gregg *7.30 Alan Dell with Dance Band Days, and at

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Recovery claim *hit by rise in* long-term jobless

By Philip Bassett
Industrial Editor

■ For the first time, long-term unemployment figures will appear alongside the monthly total. It is denied the move will lessen the impact of the long-term figures

THE government's claim that economic recovery is under way will be dented this week by figures showing a rise in long-term jobless.

An analysis by *The Times* of the really long-term unemployed shows their numbers growing sharply and the number of people out of work for more than five years now totalling almost 120,000.

Ministers, eager to boost confidence in the government's assessment that the recession is over, are hoping overall unemployment figures for April, to be published on Thursday, will continue the 25,000-strong falls seen in each of the last two months in the number of people out of work and claiming benefit.

While Gillian Shephard, the employment secretary, has been careful not to place too much weight on two months' figures in case this week's unemployment total reverses the downward direction seen since February, ministers would like to see further falls as clear indications that recovery is gaining hold.

But this week's jobless total will be clouded by new figures for long-term unemployment, which, despite the recent falls in the monthly count, will show a further rise. Three months ago, the quarterly total of long-term unemployed, those out of work for more than a year, passed 1 million — more than a third of all jobless. For the first time, the long-term unemployment figures will be published by the government with the monthly total instead of separately a few days later. Some independent unemployment analysts say ministers believe the move will both cut the impact on the government's performance of long-term unemployment by masking the figures through their publication with the monthly total that will inevitably receive most political, public and media attention.

The employment department said the long-term unemployment figures were now being issued with the large batch of labour market statistics, including the monthly unemployment count. This is released each month because of improvements in the time needed to compile the figures and to fit in with the government's new drive to issue statistics as quickly as possible. The department denied the intent was to disguise or lessen the impact of the long-term unemployment statistics.

The government has introduced new job schemes to help long-term unemployed, but *The Times*' analysis suggests the measures proposed in the Budget will go nowhere near addressing the growing problem of the long-term jobless.

The Times' computer analysis shows a rising number of people out of work for an increasingly long time. In April 1990, when overall unemployment started to rise, the number of people out of work for more than six months, a year and two years was 181,540, 74,439 and 86,010.

Now the most recent figures show the totals are 334,957, 187,619 and 226,201 — rises over the period of 85, 152 and 163 per cent. Very long-term unemployment — those out of work for more than four and five years has fallen over the period, with the numbers now standing at 36,978 and 118,300. Unemployment analysts, though, believe that the 10 and 25 per cent falls in these figures reflect both benefit crackdowns and a rise in so-called "discouraged" people — those who think they will never find a job, and so stop looking.

The Times' analysis of data held on government computers shows distinct regional variations in long-term unemployment, with some of the sharpest rises in the South East. The number of men out of work for more than two years in the South East outside London, for instance, has risen by 690 per cent since unemployment started to go up, and by 263 per cent for women.

Though northern regions are often categorised as areas where unemployment is endemic with large numbers of people out of work for a long time, the analysis shows that in every category of long-term unemployment — those out of work for more than six months to more than five years — the numbers are higher in the South East than in the North, North West and Yorkshire and Humberside.

EVAN RICHMAN/REUTER



High and dry: temporary repairs were carried out on the QE2 at Boston after the liner touched bottom off Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts

Insurers poised to act on report into QE2 accident

By George Sivell, City Editor

RESULTS of the American enquiry into the grounding of the QE2, the Cunard flagship, off Massachusetts are expected in the next few weeks. The report is likely to be studied closely by Commercial Union, lead insurers of the Cunard fleet. CU is believed to face a bill of between £20 million and £21 million for temporary repair work carried out in America, permanent repair work in Germany and the loss of business between the August 7 incident and October 2 last year.

Observers of the inquiry are intrigued to see how the American report will handle the apportionment of blame in an accident involving Britain's flagship cruise liner in which an American government chart is believed likely to be found at fault. A separate British inquiry is under way at the transport department and is likely to be published during the summer.

It is believed that the inquiry has discovered that the QE2 struck bottom in Vineyard Sound, a stretch of water off Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts, which may not have been surveyed since 1939. The pilot believed he was in water with a minimum depth of 40 ft — at the time the QE2 had a calculated draft of 32 ft 4 in. But new surveys carried out since the incident have found rocks at depths of between 30 and 34 ft, at least five of which were struck by the QE2.

The QE2's grounding has already precipitated the filing of a bill in the US Senate that would speed up recharting of New England offshore waters. The surveys on which the QE2's charts were based may have been carried out using old methods of sounding which take a reading every 400 metres, raising the possibility that isolated groups of rocks would not appear on the charts.

The surveys carried out after the incident made use of modern techniques providing much greater detail. It is understood that the American enquiry has also looked at the possibility that the QE2 may have been pushed slightly deeper into the water by a phenomenon known as squat.

But even at 25 knots, the speed at the time of the incident, tests show that the QE2 would only have been three or four feet lower in the water and neither the pilot nor the captain considered squat a problem in what they thought was 40 ft or more of water.

The enquiry is likely to concede that although hydrographic surveys may not identify every obstruction on the sea bed, it is not unreasonable to assume that routes open to navigation by large vessels should be adequately surveyed. The most recent surveys of Vineyard Sound were conducted between 1887 and 1966, the area where the QE2 grounded *was* surveyed in 1939, but it is apparently not clear from the chart when the area was *last* surveyed.

Discount stores to keep growing fast

By Our City Editor

THE discount stores that have flourished during the recession will continue to grow faster than conventional shops, according to a report from Verdict, the retail research group.

Researchers say that the massive expansion of retail floorspace in the eighties has left "excess capacity chasing spending which will grow at a snail's pace", producing a buyer's market.

Demographic shifts will also help discounters because the proportion of youngsters is diminishing and more of them are unemployed. "The young have been critical retail customers in the past, spending a much higher proportion of their income in shops than older, more financially committed, consumers. In a very short space of time the whole landscape of consumer demand has changed."

Verdict says: "Already successful discounting is about rather more than just trading margin in exchange for incremental volume. Shoppers are looking for more than just low prices" and "will not tolerate untidy, badly presented shops" that have poor ranges if "they can get the same or better down the road in a more convivial environment.

"In the past discounting has commonly been associated with cheap and nasty connotations. This is gradually changing as the more sophisticated and experienced retailers such as QS, Rosebys, T J Hughes and Primark break down these perceptions with well disciplined stores and coherent ranging strategies."

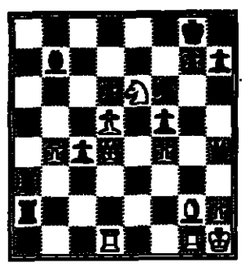
The researcher adds that a recent survey of consumer opinion found that 18 per cent of respondents agreed that they prefer to shop in cheaper stores, even if they know the quality is not as good as other stores where they used to shop. This represents a significant element of trading down and to a degree explains the success of some discounters through the recession.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

This position is taken from the game Inkiov — Bajovic, Plovdiv 1982. Here Black has the opportunity to play a spectacular checkmating combination — an opportunity which he gratefully accepted. Can you do as well?

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By PHILIP HOWARD

BIBLICALS

ADONI-BEZEK
a. A sacred well
b. A Palestinian Procrustes
c. The lover of Jael

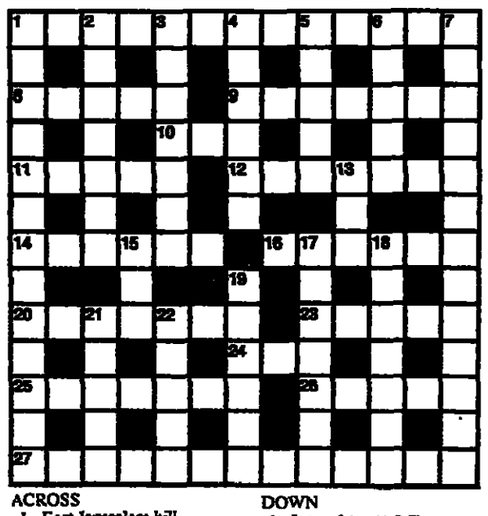
HILKIAH
a. A traditionalist priest
b. A minor prophet
c. A Sadducee convert

DEBORAH
a. A Judge of Israel
b. A Christian from Corinth
c. A wife of David

NABAL
a. An Apocryphal Elder
b. A god of the Amorites
c. A rude rich man

Answers on page 41

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 3098



ACROSS
1 East Jerusalem hill (5,2,6)
8 Catalogue (5)
9 Round building (7)
10 Opponent (3)
11 External (5)
12 Zealous African Muslims (7)
14 Great supply (6)
16 Mini racer (2,4)
20 Strongly desirous (7)
23 List (5)
24 Unopposed win (3)
25 Fix (7)
26 Brief bikini (5)
27 Wild guess (4,2,3,4)

DOWN
1 Joan of Arc (4,2,7)
2 Modernised (7)
3 Without levy (3-4)
4 Thick wood (6)
5 Admit (3,2)
6 Windmill blades (5)
7 Treacherous action (4,2,3,4)
13 Welsh Bristol Channel river (3)
15 Allow (3)
17 Music for eight (7)
18 Tirana state (7)
19 Even though (6)
21 Speed controller (5)
22 Mildews, mushrooms (5)

SOLUTIONS TO NO 3097

ACROSS: 1 Hand over 5 Scud 9 Slimmed 10 Brass 11 Eyas 12 Vetting 14 Morass 16 Scheme 19 Tabasco 21 Rage 24 Yukon 25 Lacquer 26 Tidy 27 Two by two

DOWN: 1 Hash 2 Noisy 3 Osmosis 4 Endive 6 Chalice 7 Designer 8 Abet 13 Amethyst 15 Rebuked 17 Corncob 18 Follow 20 Sand 22 Grunt 23 Ergo

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Invesco faces action by Imro

By Carl Mortished

INVESCO MIM, the fund manager, could face unlimited fines if Imro, the investment management regulator, pursues alleged breaches of its rules by Invesco before an independent tribunal.

Imro said yesterday that it intended to pursue its long-standing investigation into Invesco in the form of disciplinary proceedings. The regulator has not yet decided whether to take action via summary proceedings, where the maximum penalty for a breach of the rules is £150,000, or to bring the allegations before an independent tribunal, where there is no ceiling on potential fines.

Imro said yesterday: "Invesco's attitude will be an important factor in assessing whether the issue should be dealt with by summary proceedings or referred to a tribunal."

The company may also face substantial costs if it is found to have breached Imro's rules; the regulator has been investigating the fund manager for some 18 months. Imro, which is in discussions with Charles Brady, Invesco's new chairman, is not revealing the nature of the alleged rule breaches, believed to be numerous, in order not to prejudice any hearing.

Invesco, which manages over £30 billion of funds, is currently being sued by the Mirror Group pension fund over stock lending transactions carried out between Invesco and Bishopsgate Investment Management. Invesco is contesting the action. The firm was fined £75,000 by Imro in 1991 for breaches of rules relating to the administration of its personal equity plans. Imro said the company had failed to keep adequate customer records.

Names face £2.8bn loss

By Sarah Bagnall
Insurance Correspondent



Rowland: June report

THOUSANDS of Lloyd's names are expected to be hit with record losses of up to £2.8 billion next month. That would wipe out more than half the pre-tax profits amassed by the insurance market between 1950 and 1987. Overall, between 1950 and 1987 — after which the market's fortunes deteriorated dramatically — Lloyd's made pre-tax profits for its names of £4 billion, including tax provisions. These profits have been partly offset by the £2.5 billion losses for 1988 and 1989, the latest results reported under Lloyd's three-year accounting rules.

Over the 37 years, names paid out as much in expenses and fees as they made in pre-tax profits. Managing agents were paid £2.6 billion in syndicate expenses, including fees, while an estimated £1.4 billion went in profit commission.

Names are also faced with huge future liabilities. The 1991 underwriting year's result, to be reported in June next year by David Rowland, chairman, is expected to show a loss of £1.2 billion, a further drain on already thinly stretched financial resources. Names also face large calls for fresh funds as a result of a proposal in last month's business plan, which is a blueprint for the 306-year-old market's survival. It proposes to strip out liabilities from 1985 and prior years and by the end of 1995 reinsure them into a new vehicle, NewCo. Names will have to pay a premium to NewCo for the transfer of the liabilities, which are mainly American pollution and asbestosis claims, often dating back to the 1950s and 1960s.

The size of premium is unknown but is expected to be more than the level of reserves already set aside to cover possible future claims. As a result, the business plan says it is "likely to require further calls to bring some syndicates' reserves to the required level". The plan states that the required level of reserving is expected to exceed £4 billion.

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